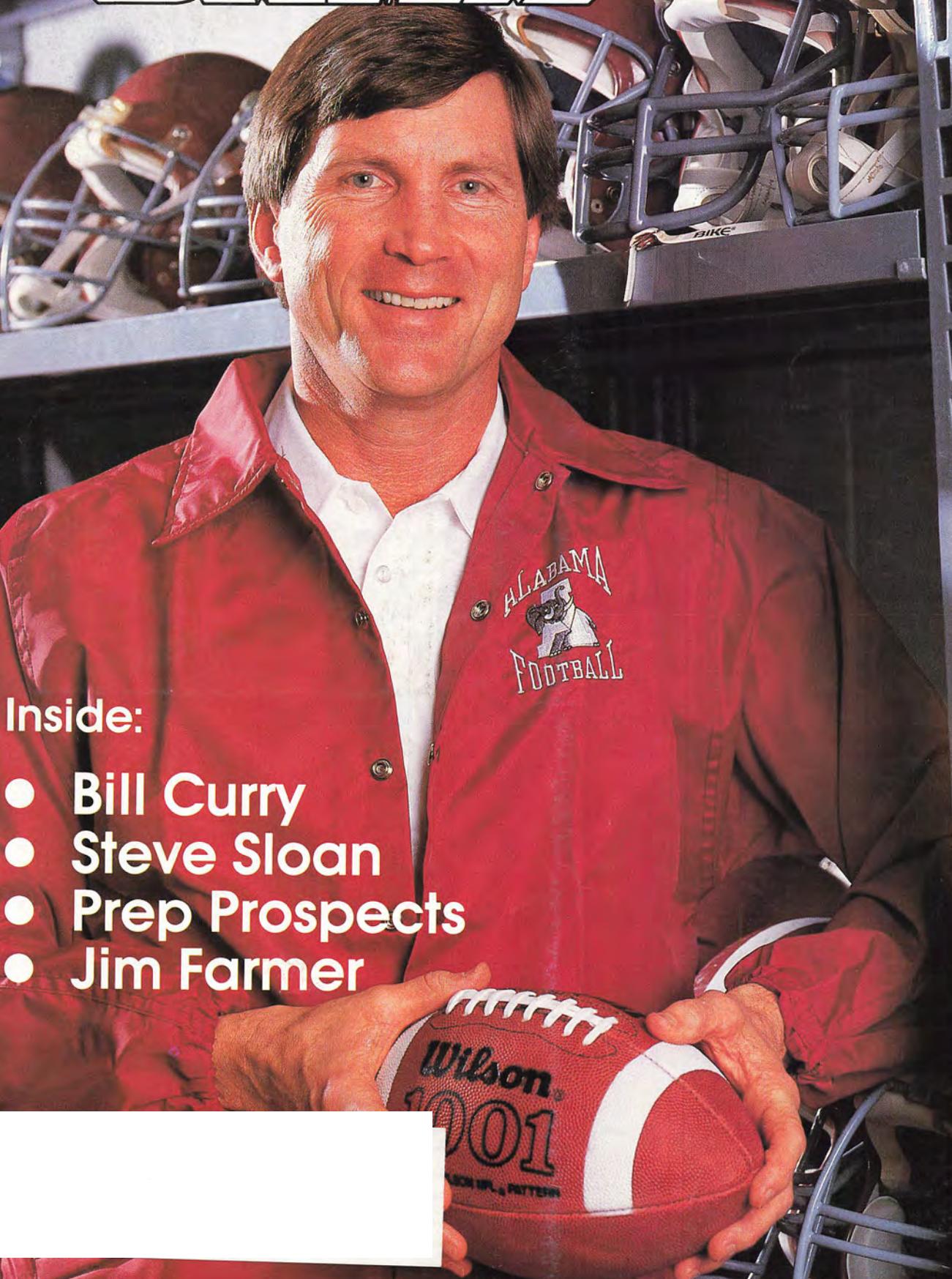


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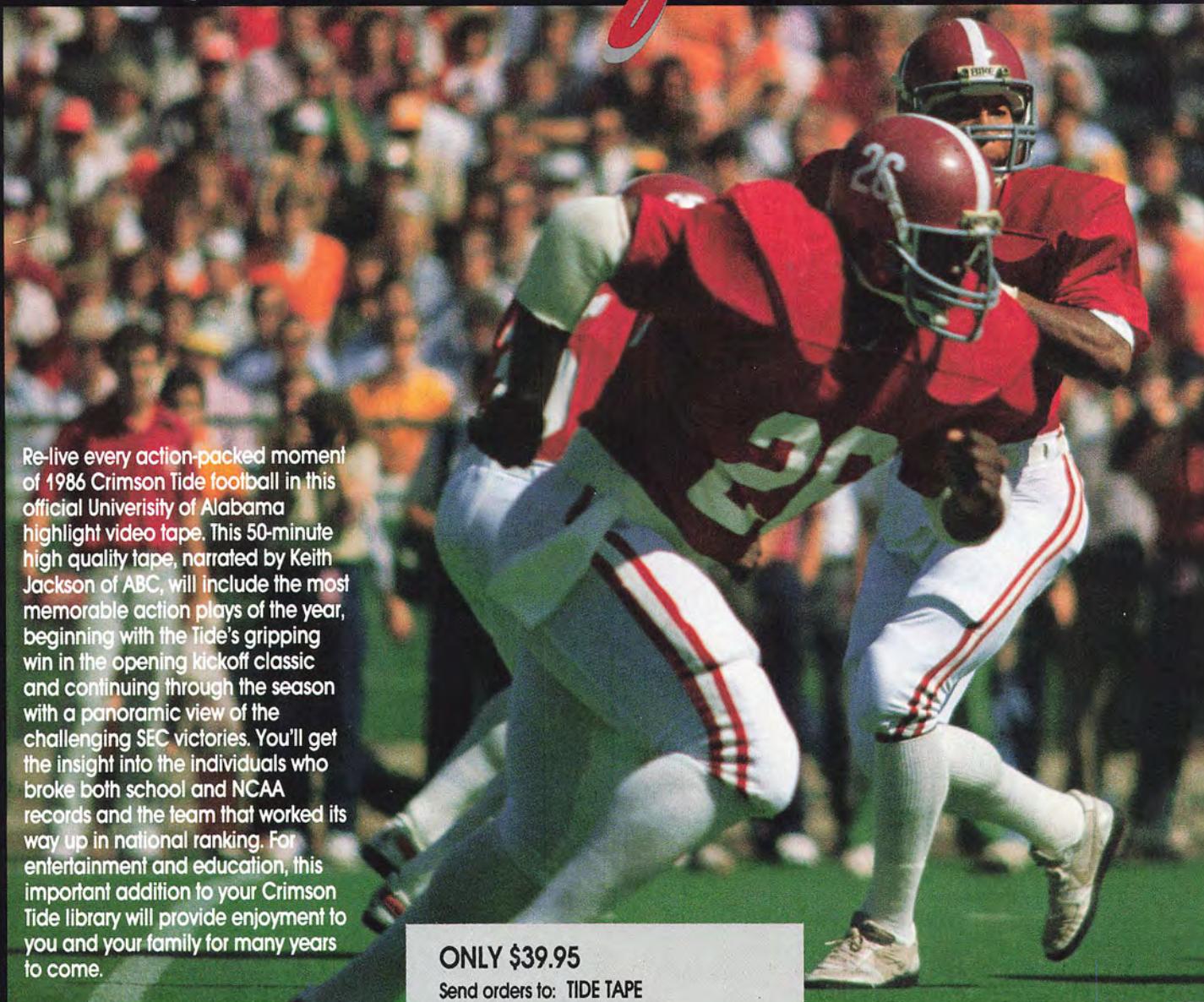
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# The Tide's New Chief

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by Kirk McNair

**The goal is to win the way Bama is supposed to win**

**W**alk into the big corner office on the second floor of the Alabama football building and look at the big man sitting behind the desk, overlooking the Crimson Tide practice facilities. Bill Curry fits as well as if central casting had placed him there, the tall, handsome, square-jawed star to play the lead part in "Alabama Football Coach."

But Bill Curry has a tougher role than any the Hollywood scriptwriters would produce. "I want to win," he says emphatically. "I'm talking about winning by Alabama standards—SEC championships, major bowl victories, national championships. Those are our goals.

"How long that will take is impossible to speculate on," he added. "I haven't even seen our team yet except in street clothes. I do know that we've lost a tremendous senior class; just great, great players.

"I do know there are only three linebackers and four or five down linemen in the program. So let's don't kid ourselves. We've got to get some numbers in here. We've got to do a great job of recruiting and a great job of coaching. And we intend to do that.

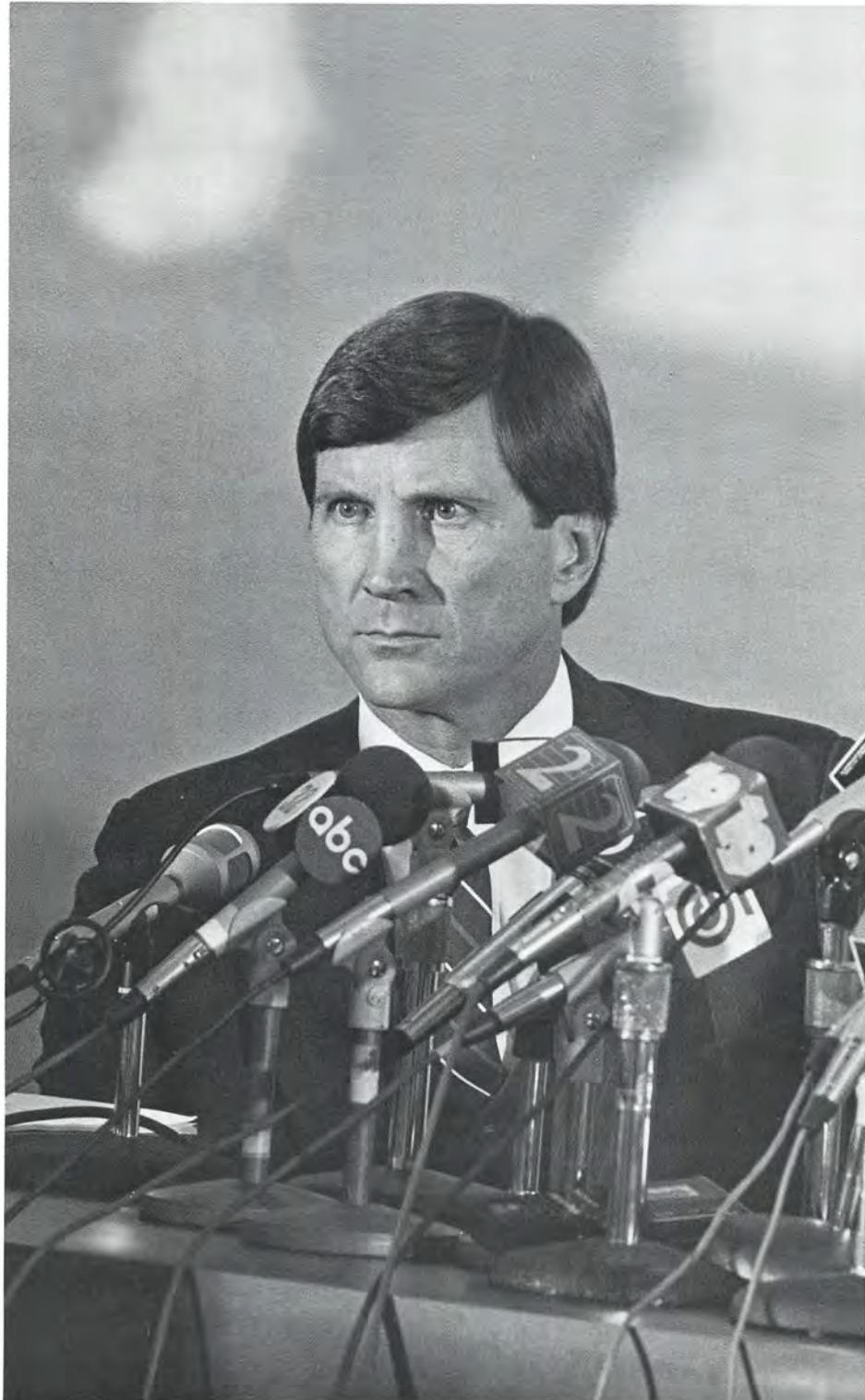
"We'll build with what we have, and certainly there are a lot of fine players here. But we've got to build our numbers defensively; that's the first thing that jumps out at us. We're trying to do that in the recruiting process, but everyone's trying to do that.

"The first thing (Athletics Director) Homer Rice taught me at Tech was to not go in foolishly optimistic, but also not to be pessimistic. What you'd better be, he said, was realistic. You can go in and think you're going to be great, but you'd better have enough people at critical positions to do that.

"So we've got to find some defensive

**New Alabama Head Football Coach Bill Curry has discovered quickly that his position includes numerous demands on his time by representatives of the press, who have found him cordial, candid and informative.**

Barry Fikes Photo





One of the most common comparisons being made is that Alabama's new football coach, Bill Curry, is in the mold of Penn State's Joe Paterno, a man perceived as steadfast against cheating and for academic excellence and winning. However, the reason he wears dark glasses is because of the glare.

Georgia Tech Photo

## BILL CURRY AT-A-GLANCE

**BIRTHDATE:** October 21, 1942 (Atlanta)

**HOMETOWN:** College Park, Georgia

**HIGH SCHOOL:** College Park

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Management, Georgia Tech, 1965

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:**

COLLEGE: 1962-64, Lettered 3 Years, Georgia Tech  
1964 Team Co-Captain

PROFESSIONAL:

1965-66, 2 Years, Green Bay Packers  
1967-72, 6 Years, Baltimore Colts  
1973, 1 Year, Houston Oilers  
1974, 1 Year, Los Angeles Rams

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:**

1976, 1 Year, Assistant Coach, Georgia Tech  
1977-79, 3 Years, Assistant Coach, Green Bay Packers  
1980-86, 7 Years, Head Coach, Georgia Tech

**HEAD COACHING RECORD:** 31-43-4

**HONORS/BOWL GAMES:**

Member of 3 Super Bowl Teams

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1966—Green Bay

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Member of 1 AFC Champion

1970—Baltimore

Bowls

1962—Bluebonnet Bowl (player)

1965—Coaches All-America Game (player)

1971—Pro Bowl (player)

1984—Blue-Gray Game (coach)

1985—All-American Bowl (coach)

**FAMILY:** Married to the former Carolyn Newton, parents of Kristin, 19, and Billy, 16

players—on this team and out of this recruiting class and we've got to get them ready to play. The same thing on offense; we don't have a quarterback who has played. That's important.

"There are a lot of quality things about this team, starting with (tailback) Bobby Humphrey, (tailback) Gene Jelks, (offensive guard) Bill Condon, (outside linebacker) Derrick Thomas and on and on. There are a lot of fine players.

"We see the job that has to be done, we see the assets we have. We do have very high goals, we do expect to be in the hunt for Alabama type winning.

"And we want to get it done as quickly as possible. But no one can ever predict the day and the moment that things are going to occur."

It has begun with two tasks—selecting a staff and recruiting. The staff part was relatively easy (although certainly painful since so few Tide assistants from the Ray Perkins regime could be kept). Curry explained early that his policy would be to offer jobs to those assistants on his staff at Georgia Tech who had done satisfactory work. And all of them had. And all of them accepted positions, although one—Jack Flagg—opted for an administrative position as recruiting coordinator.

Flagg's departure from the field left the way open for Curry to name a new member to his staff and he didn't have to look far to get his man. Jim Fuller, who served as assistant head coach under Perkins and who was named interim head coach during the 72-hour period it took University President Dr. Joab Thomas and his search committee to hire Curry, was retained.

There's one other staff member who has an Alabama connection. Don Lindsey, assistant head coach for defense, was a graduate assistant for the Tide in 1965 and 1966 and for years has been the legendary graduate assistant by which all others are judged. He went on to serve at Montana State, Washington State, and Arkansas, then took over the linebackers under John McKay at Southern Cal in 1971 (where in his first game he saw Alabama unveil the wishbone and upset the Trojans in Los Angeles). He stayed at Southern Cal nine years, the last five as defensive coordinator. He then spent three years as Lou Holtz's defensive coordinator at Arkansas before joining the Tech staff in 1984. On the field he works with inside linebackers.

The rest of the staff is Assistant Head Coach for Offense Rip Scherer (who works specifically with quarterbacks and receivers), Offensive Line Coach Mac McWhorter, De-

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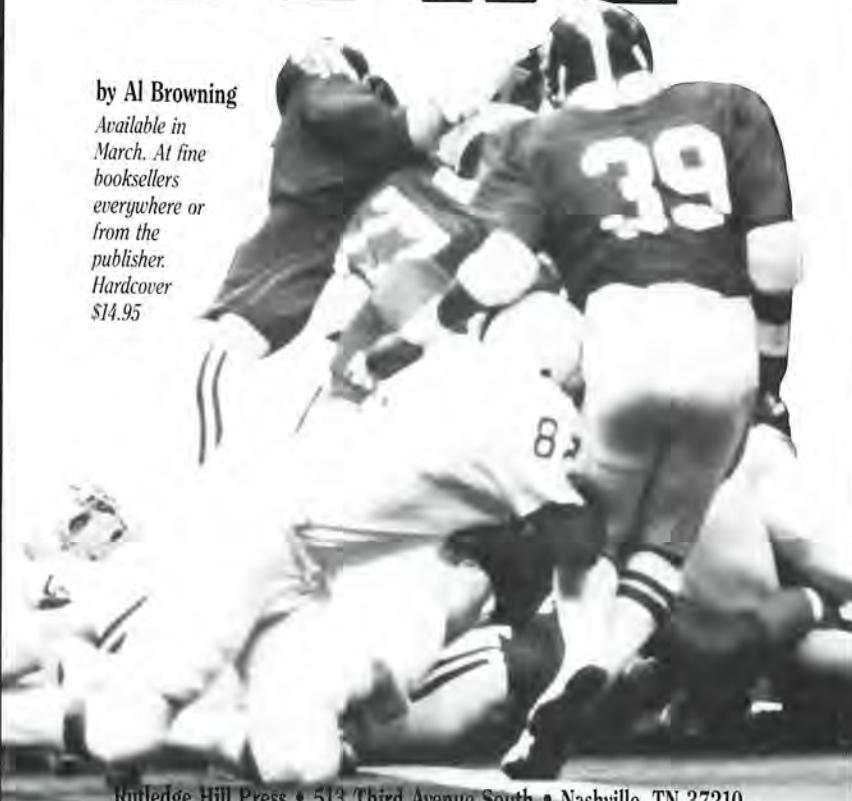
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**At Georgia Tech Bill Curry was able to get his Yellow Jackets to the All American Bowl in Birmingham, where the Engineers upset Michigan State. Curry plans to have Alabama in major bowls.**

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fensive End Coach John Guy, Defensive Line Coach Larry New, Running Backs Coach Chip Wisdom, Defensive Backs Coach Andy Christoff and Rovers and Bandits Coach Keith Colson.

Curry also had two support positions to fill when Bama Trainer Chris Smith and Strength Coach Kent Johnston elected to go with Perkins to Tampa Bay. Bill McDonald, a 1967 Alabama graduate who has served as assistant athletics director for sports medicine at Georgia Tech, was expected to be named to a similar position in charge of athletics training for the Tide. McDonald's first job in athletics was as a high school freshman when he served as manager for a first-year head basketball coach at Carbon Hill High School. Wimp Sanderson gives his manager the blame for the four losses in that 25-4 season. The new strength coach may be Rich Wingo, a Tide linebacker 1976-78 (number 36 in your Goal Line Stand print) who was at Green Bay in Curry's last year as an assistant coach there.

Curry noted that not a beat had been missed in the offseason program despite the departure of Johnston. Graduate assistants, with occasional help from coaches, have continued to work the strength and conditioning class. "And," said Curry, "what we've found is a group of mostly hard-working guys, but we've got a few who need to learn how to work. And that's why we're

here. As soon as recruiting is over the entire staff will participate in the offseason program and we'll pick up the pace."

He plans to begin spring training March 21, practice four days per week (Monday, Wednesday and either Thursday or Friday with Saturday scrimmages and all closed to the public), and conclude with the A-Day Game April 25 at a site to be determined. That site can be anywhere in the state under NCAA rules and four metropolitan areas—Mobile, Huntsville, Birmingham and Montgomery in order of considered favorites—are vying for it. "We're not taking bids for it," Curry said. "We want to have it at a place that's good for our players and good for our fans."

**T**he main job to date has been recruiting, and Curry generally has been pleased with the reception he has received from prospects. "The negative publicity and the flap that occurred (upon announcement of his appointment) cost us a couple of players," said Curry. "But we've been able to win some back. And, actually, a number of players that were not on the Alabama list have committed to us or are coming to visit because they were on our list at Tech. So the net effect of all of this is that there are probably a few more names on the list than there were.

"Now, I know that doesn't mean anything until we get them signed. Recruiting is just like a big business deal. You can rave and holler about it all you want to, but until that name is on the dotted line you haven't done anything."

"But I would say it is coming along well."

Curry has found recruiting as Alabama's head coach to be different than as Georgia Tech's head coach. "Alabama is perceived as one of the dominant powers in our business," he said. "And because of Dr. Thomas' work and Ray Perkins' work and Coach Bryant's work through the years it is also seen as a good academic environment and getting even better. Not because of us. Because of the work that has already been done here."

"So the reception has been warm."

Alabama fans have obviously warmed to the man who was at least part of a controversy when his appointment was announced. With every pronouncement, every appearance among Alabama faithful he gets closer to his goal of being accepted as a member of the Alabama football family. "It's been heartwarming," he said of the situation. "First of all, I'm used to it. Second, it's not a big deal. And third, it's how you perform that matters, not what someone thinks about you. We're going to step across those white lines and we are going to tee it up and that's what matters. What someone speculates on

doesn't matter. That's what I love about football. We'll have to earn our spurs as we've said all along. We knew that coming in.

"I've received 500 or 600 letters. I've had one negative letter. I thought it might run 50-50. I've been shocked at the warmth and the powerful backing we've received from so many Alabama people."

It was no surprise when Perkins announced his departure for the National Football League that the Alabama vacancy was branded as one of the nation's top college football jobs. But almost all openings get that label. "The difference," said Curry, who left his alma mater to take the Crimson Tide hot spot, "is that here it is."

"You start with the basics. The fourth most wins in the history of college football. The most wins in the last 30, probably last 50, years. Second greatest number of televised games. The tradition established by Coach (Wallace) Wade, Coach (Frank) Thomas, Coach Bryant, Coach Perkins and others.

"The prominence of Dr. Joab Thomas and his leadership dimension among college presidents. He is incredibly highly-respected. I knew that before I was ever considered for this job. The opportunity to work with Steve Sloan. He is not only a great man, but a highly-qualified person for this kind of job. The quality of athletes attracted to this school. The quality of the faculty. The diversity of offerings in the curricula. The great traditions of the Lee Roy Jordans, the Ozzie Newsomes, the Billy Neighbors, Joe Namaths, Sylvester Crooms, Dwight Stephensons. The facilities are the best in the world. The staff of class people assembled by Coach Bryant and Coach Perkins—secretaries, administrative assistants, equipment people. The physical beauty of the campus. The warmth of the Tuscaloosa community. It's just incredible."

"As a result of all that, by golly you're expected to do well. Now that's pressure. People ask me if I know what I've gotten myself into and my answer is that I sure do."

"I've been in it all my life."

"It is my obsession to be in the 'Big Game.' I have always loved it, from the high school basketball championship when College Park High School won the state in 1959 to Super Bowls I, III and V, to bowl games. My personal goal is to be in the big ones. And when Alabama plays it's always a big one."

"That's good pressure. High expectation is good pressure. That's the way the American free enterprise system works. If you want to do something special then there's pressure for you to go out and do it. There's nothing wrong with that. And I love it."

## As A Recruiter

Bill Curry will first be judged by Alabama fans on the basis of his initial recruiting class. As an indication of how he has done in the past, consider this report by Al Browning, which appeared in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*:

It must have been one of the more interesting scenes in the history of college football recruiting.

Sitting in a living room together in Albany, Georgia, were Georgia Tech Coach Bill Curry, Auburn Coach Pat Dye and Georgia Coach Vince Dooley.

Sitting with them was the prospect, a plum of a pass receiver, Gary Lee.

"It's weird, but true," Lee said. "All of them were there. It's funny in retrospect. I took 30 minutes with each one, talking privately in another room: Coach Curry, then Coach Dye, then Coach Dooley."

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Lee has become a standout pass receiver for the Yellow Jackets.



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# Skill In The Southeast

by Mark A. Morrison

As usual, Southeast is loaded with outstanding prep football skill position players

The guessing game is almost over. Will it be Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Penn State or Notre Dame? Or will it be a lesser known destination, maybe North Dakota State, Ball State, Delta State, West Barren Bogalusa or East Tishomingo Tech?

Such is the dilemma of talented high school athletes all over the country eying the February 11 signing date for national letters-of-intent.

The approaching signing date represents a crucial time for Alabama as new Head Coach Bill Curry steps in and plays the role of the new kid on the block. An indication of how the Alabama coaching change will effect Bama's recruiting may be seen in a couple of weeks, although the true test will not be seen until a few years down the road.

But the Alabama coach and his staff know they can score a big win early by drawing some of the nation's best prep stars into the Alabama fold.

In its final report (fourth of four) on prep football prospects, **'BAMA** looks at many of the top prep picks at the key running back, wide receiver and defensive back positions in the Southeast, primarily Florida and Georgia, but also Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

This list—compiled from reports by recruiting services, newspapers and other sports publications—is, by no means, all-inclusive. Nor does it purport to be Alabama's recruiting list. However, all of these young men are considered major college prospects by someone.

These players are listed alphabetically by states.

### FLORIDA

There's just no rest for the weary recruiters in the state of Florida. The Sunshine State has more than Disney World, warm temperatures and sandy beaches to attract recruiters. Florida is also abundant with football talent.

Dexter Allen is a 5-10, 175-pound speedster who plays wide receiver for Sarasota Mooney. Recruiters liken him to former Uni-



Emmitt Smith

versity of Michigan star Anthony Carter. He did more than just run by defenses with his 4.4 speed. He also returned kicks and handled both the punting and placekicking duties. Scouts list him as one of Florida's top 10 prospects.

Terence Barber at 5-10, 170-pounds is one of the elite wideout prospects in the South. The Auburndale receiver had 80 receptions in 13 games for 1,169 yards and 16 touchdowns. It's easy to see why they call him Mr. Touchdown. Statistics are not the only thing scouts are impressed with either. They like his excellent leaping ability and his 4.6 speed.

Walter Batson is another who fits the wide receiver mold. He is 5-11, 170 pounds and has 10.5 speed in the 100 meters. He hails from Miami's Killian and excels in the classroom with a 3.8 grade average out of a possible 4.

Edgar Bennett is a 6-2, 192-pound Jacksonville Lee product considered by many recruiters as the best inside runner in the state. His performance has landed him a spot on Florida's Top 25 Prospects list.

Joel Berry, 6-2, 218, looks and plays like Alonzo Highsmith. Recruiters say the Orlando Oak Ridge running back has all the tools to be a major college standout.

Wayman Bowden uses his 6-0, 205-pound frame to run through and around enemy lines. Scouts say the bulky Bradenton Bayshore blue-chipper has excellent speed.

Tony Cayson at 5-11, 165 pounds, is being touted by many scouts as the best option quarterback in the state. He directs the

Ocalo Forest offense much like a general guides his army, strategically and with force.

David Daniels is a 6-2, 185-pound wide receiver who scouts are calling a natural. As a junior, the Sarasota star had 27 catches for 544 yards and 7 touchdowns. The three-year starter with 4.5 speed has also returned two kickoffs for scores.

Kendrick Daye earned All-Dade Honorable Mention honors for his performance as a South Miami running back. The 6-0, 180-pounder could see some action in college as a receiver.

Billy Deeds, a 5-11, 170-pound quarterback, earned all-state honors as a junior by leading the state with 2,466 passing yards and 25 touchdowns. For his career he has passed for over 4,000 yards. He is the teammate of Barber of Auburndale. Scouts are high on this top-rated Florida standout.

Brian Dowler is a 6-1, 185-pound wide receiver for Tampa Plant. Recruiters call him a student of the game and ready to play. He is the son of former All-Pro Boyd Dowler.

Leroy Edmonds, a 5-11, 180-pounder, is a top runner from one of Florida's elite programs. He suffered a broken arm in the fourth game of the season after rushing for 387 yards on 52 carries with six touchdowns in his first three contests of the year. He led Dade County in rushing as a junior. He earned Super South Florida honors last season and runs a 4.5 40. He hails from Miami Southridge.

Bernard Edwards is a 6-5, 200-pound quarterback turned wide receiver. Although he proved his skills at quarterback, scouts like his size and speed at the receiver position. He attends Fort Myers.

Craig Erickson is regarded as one of Florida's top prospects. The 6-2, 195-pounder has the size recruiters look for in a college quarterback. In an offense that was geared more towards the run than the pass, he completed 39 of 75 passes for 601 yards and 6 touchdowns. He suits the role of quarterback for West Palm Beach Cardinal Newman and is sure to be in a major college lineup next fall.

Derrick Golden of Northeast in St. Petersburg checks in at 6-4, 197 pounds at the defensive back position. His talents and aggressive style of play have brought forth many recruiters seeking his services. Recruiters are equally impressed that he is a super student as well as athlete.

Randal Hill of Miami's Killian is a 5-11, 170-pound defensive back who scouts list as one of the state's 10 best. He has the instinct

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for being in the right place at the right time and easily led Dade County in interceptions both his junior and senior seasons. He carries a very high grade point average.

Scott Griese has a name already linked to football fame. The 6-1, 160-pound defensive back for Miami's Columbus, is the son of the former NFL legend Bob Griese.

Andre Jackson is a 6-1, 185-pound defensive back for Miami's Norland. Scouts picked him as a sleeper early in the season but his showing this season gained the attention of many major college recruiters who are keeping an eye on this prospect's whereabouts.

C. J. Jackson is another defensive back with exceptional talent. However, the 6-0, 180-pound safety for Hollywood Hills has been injured much of the 1986 season. Despite the setback scouts like this Florida product. Scouts rank him as one of Florida's top 15 recruits.

Greg Jefferson, 6-2, 200, is the leading receiver in Florida high school history. The Jasper-Hamilton County star had well over 170 receptions and totaled up nearly 3,000 yards. This puts him number two on the all time receiving yardage list behind Anthony Carter. In addition to flashy stats, he combines 4.6 speed with great hands. He is a two-time all-state selection.

Reggie Lawrence, a 6-1, 190-pound running back for Sandalwood of Jacksonville, was on practically every preseason list but has been at least partially injured much of the season, missing close to three games. Prior to his injuries he rushed for 670 yards and 10 touchdowns. As a junior he rushed for 1,075 yards. He has been timed at 4.4 in the 40. Many scouts are recruiting him to play wide receiver in college.

Willie McGrady has the size and power to run through many defenses. The 6-1, 230-pound Palatka fullback is among the state's top 10 recruits.

Cedric McKinnon lived up to his preseason All-America billing. The 6-4, 200-pound Coral Gables safety is a super pass defender and an outstanding return man. He has been selected to the Super South Florida team the past two seasons.

Paul Moore, a 6-2, 220-pound teammate of Batson and Hill at Miami's Killiam, is called by Scouts "the best in Miami." A preseason All-America selection, he is considered along with McGrady the premier fullback prospect in the state. He is a powerful runner with amazing 4.4 speed. He is a member of the state champion 400-meter relay team.

Harry Mose wasn't on a lot of preseason recruiting lists, but this running back from Lake Wales made his name known with his 4.4 speed. He's 6-2, 169.

Dwight Nicolas drew the attention of scouts early from his defensive back position for Clewiston. However, the 5-9, 160-pounder has emerged as one of the state's best punters.

Chris Parker stepped in for an injured Reggie Lawrence at Jacksonville's Sandalwood and has become one of the state's top 25 recruits. The 6-1, 195-pound running back claimed the Class 5A state rushing title with his 1,500+ yards.

Ronald Redman is a 6-2, 190-pound defensive back who hails from Miami's Northwestern. He has the potential to play with a major school and has the attention of the recruiters.

Troy Riley is considered an outstanding defensive back prospect by scouts. He is 6-2, 185 pounds and plays for Dixie Hollins of St. Petersburg.

Emmitt Smith is the state's premier recruit and is on the "shopping list" of every major school. The 5-11, 200-pound Pensacola Escambia running back is the nation's number three all-time rusher with 8,796 career rushing yards while scoring 106 touchdowns. The four-year starter has already been named the national Player-of-the-Year and is certain to be picked on every postseason All-America team. He rushed for 1,919 yards and scored 28 touchdowns this season. He runs a 4.5 40 and has led his team to consecutive state titles.

Frank Stankunas of Live Oak Suwanee is presently being tutored by former Florida State quarterback Kirk Coker. He has an impressive 63 percent completion rate and over 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns. He is 6-3 and 190 pounds.

Greg Thornhill is a teammate of Smith at Pensacola Escambia. The 6-1, 180-pound defensive back has 10.6 speed in the 100 meters and his physical toughness has elevated his status with the scouts.

Casey Weldon is among Florida's top 25 recruits and unlike many Class A standouts has received his fair share of attention from major Division I schools. The 6-1, 185-pounder from Tallahassee's North Florida Christian has thrown for over 1,800 yards and 23 touchdowns this season. Recruits like his style as a drop back passer but also like his 4.7 speed and ability to run with the ball.

Prentis Wright, 5-11, 185-pounds, combines hard hitting and good speed to shut down opponents from his safety position for Orlando Evans. He runs a 4.6 40.

Peach State's crop of 1986 prep talent should produce much of the same.

Broderick Allen, 6-3, 185, is a defensive back prospect who is playing quarterback for Griffen. Scouts say he's a great leaper and his 4.4 speed is hard to beat. From his defensive back position he's shown excellent man-to-man coverage and superb tackling ability.

Raymon Allen is a natural. The 6-1, 180-pound running back for LaGrange is a relative newcomer to football but continues to impress recruiters with his ability. He gained 624 yards rushing in 10 games. He also caught 30 passes, and scored 13 touchdowns. His time in the 40 is 4.5.

Terrell Allgood's name is on many recruiters' minds. The 6-1, 207-pound Lafayette running back is labeled by recruiters as definite blue-chip material. He has the potential to develop into a starter very early in college.

Gerald Blake comes from a good bloodline. He's cousin to George Rogers of the Washington Redskins. At 6-1, 195 pounds the Duluth senior is strong and quick. His thighs measure 24 inches around. In 12 games, he has 1,351 yards rushing and 17 touchdowns. His career total is just over 5,000 to break Rogers' school record. He has 4.5 speed.

Dechane Cameron, a 6-1, 185-pound quarterback, is another product of the traditionally strong LaGrange squad. In 11 games he has hit 80 of 115 passes for 1,116 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also has seven rushing touchdowns. As a junior he had 1,708 yards in total offense and was responsible for 21 touchdowns. He is a great athlete who can drop back or option. He has 4.6 speed. He may wind up a defensive back in college.

Tye Cottle is a 6-2, 175-pound quarterback for Tift County High School. Recruiters call him a "coach's quarterback" because he has all the tools a coach likes. He is a strong accurate passer with quick feet and he can throw on the run. He reads defenses well and can win. He led Region I-4A in passing yardage with 1,514 yards. He had 13 touchdowns.

Tommy Cox doesn't struggle often with opposing defenses. The 6-0, 225-pound running back is, however, struggling with the SAT minimum. He averaged 10.1 yards per carry this season and 6.7 yards per carry his career. The Troup County prospect has 4.6 speed.

Shannon Crowell watched opponents stack against the run all season, but the 6-0, 205-pound Mays running back still got his share of the yardage. He gained 782 yards in spite of being out three games with injury. When he wasn't hurt he used his bullish style of running up the middle and his 4.5 speed to

## GEORGIA

The state of Georgia has produced its share of football greats in past years. The

break the long gainer. Recruiters are pleased to hear he's an excellent student.

Gerald Dalton plays for keeps at Atlanta Fulton. And his ability means he's going to play running back for a big school. The 5-11, 212-pounder knows how to move the pigskin down the field.

Lee Dixon, 6-1, 183, is a darting runner with good strength. The Southwest Dekalb senior gained 720 yards in a talented backfield and averaged 5.8 yards per carry. Recruiters also give him a high grade as a pass receiver. He runs a 4.6.

Alphonso Ellis, 5-9, 205, of Thomasville may just be the best pure running back prospect in Georgia. Named to the prestigious Super 11, he can run inside with power or outside with speed. His time is 4.5 in the 40. He gained 1,545 yards with 22 touchdowns on the year and has broken William Andrews' season rushing record which has stood since 1974.

Jeff Finch is a 6-0, 200-pound defensive back for Brookwood of Snellville. He played defensive back his last two games after bouncing around all season. Scouts say he'll play the sleeper role.

David Hargett, 6-2, 187 pounds, has gotten his share of attention. The Valdosta Lowndes County standout is a great hitter with speed and good football sense. He not only can cover your trail with his 4.5 speed, but he can leave you standing in the classroom where he is an excellent student.

Stacey Harrison, 6-0, 175, is one of the top cornerback prospects in the Southeast because of his man-to-man coverage ability. He only had three passes completed on him all season. A teammate to Crowell, he was the leading tackler for Mays of Atlanta. He also stole four interceptions. He runs a 4.5 40.

Eddie Miller also belongs to the Georgia Super 11 squad. The 6-1, 175-pounder

emerged as the premier receiver in all of Georgia. He had 25 catches with a 17.1 yards per catch average and scored four touchdowns. The Decatur Southwest Dekalb star used his 4.3 speed to return kickoffs.

Shane Reinhardt, a 6-2, 195-pound running back, gained 1,251 yards on 208 carries and scored eight touchdowns and had 11 receptions for 122 yards. From Berkmar in Lilburn, he runs with speed and power inside and outside. Also to his credit is a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

John Stewart is 6-2, 210 pounds, and another member of the Georgia Super 11. The Bradwell Institute fullback is not only a tough runner but a superb blocker. He led his team to a 13-0 record and a place in the 4A semi-finals. He gained 1,429 yards and scored 16 touchdowns. For his career he boasts 5,053 yards and 16 touchdowns. No 4A Georgia player had ever surpassed the 5,000-yard mark. He has 4.6 speed.

Greg Talley can probably go where he wants. He plays for the powerhouse of Georgia high school football, Valdosta. The 6-2, 185-pound quarterback's stats are impressive too. He has thrown for 1,637 yards and 17 touchdowns for the number one 4A school in the state.

## KENTUCKY

Kentucky high school football doesn't have the dominant number of blue-chippers that Florida and Georgia are boasting about, but the Bluegrass State has a few players who will play impressive roles for Division I schools in the fall.

One such standout is William Dishman, a 6-0, 195-pound running back for Bryan Station. He ran for 1,568 yards on 156 carries (that's 10 yards a carry) and scored 13 touchdowns. He also caught 20 passes for 250 yards. This performance earned him a spot

on the all-state team. According to many scouts, he is one of the top five backs in the country.

Phil Logan, a 6-2, 180-pounder for Louisville's Holy Cross, attracted the big-time scouts immediately because of his ability to catch the ball in every situation. He caught 35 passes for 666 yards and 10 touchdowns. On defense, he intercepted three passes, running back one for a touchdown. He also returned a kickoff 90 yards for a score. He also has great leaping ability to go with his 4.6 speed.

Freddie Maggard, 6-3, 200, is considered the state's top quarterback by most college coaches, but could be moved to defensive back in college. Ironically he earned first team all-state honors as a defensive back. As a quarterback he completed 105 of 195 passes for 1,401 yards and 12 touchdowns. He ran the ball 146 times for 959 yards and scored eight touchdowns. As a safety on defense, he intercepted eight passes to raise his career total to 25, and he recovered two fumbles. The talented Cumberland star also had a 38 yard punting average.

Keith Morgan earned first team all-state honors at the quarterback position. The 6-3, 200-pounder is a four-year starter for Danville. He completed 146 of 237 passes for 1,824 yards and 14 touchdowns. He ran 61 times for 447 yards and six scores. He has led his team to a 44-6 mark during his career.

Eddie Thomas is 6-0 and 175 pounds. He plays wide receiver for Fort Knox and is one of the most highly recruited players in the state. He caught 22 passes for over 400 yards and 17 touchdowns to help give his team a 11-2 record. He also rushed 26 times for 223 yards and three scores, and scored on two punt returns. He has 4.4 speed in the 40.

## LOUISIANA

The State of Louisiana has got some prep

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athletes that match up with the best. College football will be inducting some top notch athletes to their rosters from the Bayou State, but the inside word is that Alabama won't be among those schools. Perhaps feeling that other good football programs are closer to Louisiana, Tide recruiters have apparently not spent much time trying to harvest players in the state.

And P. D. Broussard may be the state's first inductee. He made his mark this season at Northside of Lafayette. The 6-2, 195-pound running back rushed for 1,200 yards in only eight games. His 4.4 sprinter's speed makes him one of the state's best.

Shannon Citizen is touted by the scouts as a super athlete. The 6-2, 185-pounder played quarterback as a senior but would probably be a safety or cornerback in college. He rushed for 600 yards and threw for another 1,400. From Washington-Marion of Lake Charles, he is among the state's best 15 recruits. He runs a 4.5 40.

Doug Coleman is a certified "blue-chipper" by many sources. He is a 6-2, 190-pound quarterback for White Castle. He is labeled a quarterback with what it takes to win in college football. Scouts admire his strong arm and knowledge of the game.

Shane Garrett can take the football and gain yardage as good as any star coming out of the prep ranks. The 5-11, 175-pound wide receiver for Crowley averaged 18 yards every time he touched the football. He had 2,000 all-purpose yards as a receiver, running back and kick returner. He can also get you where you want to go in a hurry with his 4.5 speed.

Mike Harvey is a 6-2, 210-pounder with 4.6 speed who plays running back at West Monroe. His ability indicates to the scouts that he has what it takes to play college football.

Mickey Joseph is a name football fans will hear a lot of in the next few years. The 5-11, 175-pound quarterback is the premier athlete to come out of the Bayou State. He is one of the nation's top rated option quarterbacks. He has it all. Quick feet and 4.4 speed, and he bench presses 270 pounds. As a junior he threw for 1,071 yards and rushed for another 724. His team averaged 38 points per game this season and scored 52 touchdowns during an undefeated season.

Todd Kinchen is a 6-0, 180-pound wide receiver for Trafton Academy. He is a three-time all-district choice who gained 1,300 yards this season, averaging 10 yards per carry. The LSU ties run deep in this blue-chipper. His brother, Brian, is an LSU tight end, and his father, Gus, played on the Tiger National Championship team in 1958.

Geoff LeJeune, 5-11, 175-pounds, is a two-time all-stater who played running back and wide receiver for E. D. White of Thibodaux. He gained over 1,300 yards this season to go with his 1000-plus from last year. He also had 20 catches for over 400 yards.

Chris Mooock, a 6-2, 195-pounder is another all-stater. The Baker quarterback is primarily a drop back passer who threw for 2,500 yards. He also accounted for 27 touchdowns. He has 4.7 speed.

Bucky Richardson, 6-2, 195, is being billed as the state's second best prospect behind Joseph. The Broadmoor quarterback passed for 700 yards and rushed for 1,400 behind an offensive line that averaged only 161 pounds per man. He is an exceptionally talented athlete who also excels at basketball and baseball.

## MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi may not be the hotbed of prep prospects when compared to Florida or Georgia, but it can boast this year of some very fine college prospects. This is why:

Rod Baker, 6-1, 205, is the state's best product at quarterback. As a junior he accounted for 1,934 total yards and 20 touchdowns in leading Louisville to the Class 4A state championship. He passed for 1,608 yards.

David Dawkins is called by many scouts as one of the best backs in the state. The 6-1, 185-pound running back hails from Eatontown North Forest.

Chauncey Godwin is a 6-1, 170-pound quarterback for Tupelo. His 4.6 speed and running ability make him one of the state's Top 10 prospects. In college, recruits are eying him as a running back.

Charles James has the size at 6-2, 205 pounds, to make it as a college running back. But that's not all he has to offer. The Shaw standout is a good blocker and has been timed in the 40 at 4.5.

Alex Johnson is one of the state's hotter prospects. At 5-10, 192 pounds from Brookhaven, he is a powerful running back with quick feet and 4.6 speed.

Keswic Joiner is another hot prospect. The 6-0, 175-pound quarterback for Moss Point is an all-state selection.

Kyle Morris, 6-4, 200, is rated the best quarterback in the state. He is a pure passer with the speed (4.7) and agility to run. He is among the Top recruits in the state.

Cornelius Patterson is the teammate of Joiner at Moss Point. The 5-9, 165-pound wide receiver had a "blue-chipper year" according to scouts.

James Proctor is another of Mississippi's

Top 10 stars. He is a 6-3, 215-pound defensive back with 4.6 speed. He is said to be a hard hitter by many recruiters.

Derrick Reed is an all-state performer at running back for McComb. He is 6-1 and 205 and has been a major reason for his team's success.

Anthony Thames is the teammate of Baker at Louisville. The 6-2, 180-pound wide receiver has all the physical abilities, including 4.5 speed.

## TENNESSEE

Tennessee has been known to turn out its share of premier prep athletes. And this crop of high school talent should not go unnoticed.

Bill Evans has received his share of recruiting attention. The 6-1, 216-pound running back hails from Nashville's Overton.

Tommy Ferrari ranks seventh on the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* Top 25 list. Just being named to the list is an honor to the state's best athletes. The Germantown product is 6-0 and 180 pounds.

Ernest Fields is another prepster honored in the Top 25. Milan's 6-2, 210-pound running back rushed for 2,080 yards and scored 32 touchdowns. He also caught nine passes for 117 yards and was selected as the *Jackson Sun West Tennessee* player of the year.

Anthony Grisby, 6-2, 190, is one of the state's best wide receivers. With his size and 4.6 speed, the Howard of Chattanooga star ranks high on recruiter's list.

Bubba Gunter hails from Briarcrest of Memphis. The 6-4, 200-pound defensive back knows how to cover his man and if a receiver does make a reception in his area Gunter makes him pay for it with hard hitting.

Andy Kelley is one of the most sought-after recruits in Tennessee. The 6-4, 200-pound quarterback led Rhea County to a 10-0 record and number one ranking. He has been named "Mr. Football" in Class 3-A. He completed 88 of 150 passes (59 percent) for 1,401 yards and 14 touchdowns. An all-state punter last season, he averaged 43.1 yards a kick in 1986. He is reportedly headed to Tennessee.

Glenn Rogers, Jr., a 6-1, 175-pound defensive back for Southside of Memphis, doubled as wide receiver and defensive back. He seldom left the field for the Scrappers. He has seven interceptions and caught seven touch-down passes.

Stefen Scotton is high on the state's prospect list. He's a 6-0, 210-pound running back from Cleveland High.

Kevin Sheble, 6-2, 185, earned all-state honors for the second year in a row as he again was a leader in the Rhea County sec-

ondary and a standout receiver. He had five interceptions on defense and caught 17 passes for 319 yards on offense. Scouts like him as a defensive back.

Leroy Thompson, a 5-11, 200-pound running back, is one the most sought-after recruits in Tennessee prep history, generally considered to be Oklahoma's number one target. The Knoxville Austin East blue-chipper is a dandy indeed. He rushed for 1,262 yards, scoring 19 touchdowns this season. For his prep career he has run for more than 5,559 yards on 627 carries for an 8.9-yard average and 78 touchdowns. He led his team to a 11-0 finish and a number one ranking.

Orlando Wade is a 6-2, 200-pound running back from Spring Hill. He was named "Mr. Football" in Class A for the second straight year. He rushed for 1,853 yards and 22 touchdowns. He also passed for 280 yards and four touchdowns and caught six passes for 175 yards and three more scores.



One of the South's top prep performers is Leroy Thompson of Knoxville, Tennessee's, Austin East High School.

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## From Outside The Southeast

Alabama recruiters are looking for prep talent elsewhere beside the Southeast. According to various recruiting publications, several prospects all over the country are considering the Crimson Tide. Among them are:

Glen Bell, 5-10, 180 pounds from Muskogee, Oklahoma, ran for 1,982 yards and was an all-state selection. He has 4.5 speed.

Keith Clayborn is a 5-11, 185-pound running back for East St. Louis in Lincoln, Illinois.

Tom Colombo, a 5-10, 180-pound quarterback, has thrown for over 2,000 yards the last two years. Scouts say he's another Doug Flutie. He has 4.6 speed and is from Brockton, Massachusetts.

Vaughn Dunbar is a 6-0, 185-pound running back from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He rushed for 1,468 yards and has 4.5 speed.

Kelvin Fisher, 6-0, 185, is a running back from Ambridge, Pennsylvania. He rushed for over 1,200 yards. He has 4.5 speed and his brother played at Michigan State, but the younger Fisher says he does not want to follow in his brother's footsteps.

Mike Gaddis, 6-1, 195, is a running back from Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Jim Gallagher is a 6-6, 225-pound quarterback from Bellport, New York. He has great size and a good arm. Scouts say he needs to develop his upper body strength.

Sam Gash is a 6-0, 220-pound running back from Hendersonville, North Carolina, who rushed for 4,488 yards in three years and carries a 3.2 grade point average.

James Harris of East St. Louis in Lincoln,

Illinois, is the teammate of Clayborn. He is a 6-7, 227-pound quarterback.

George Hemmingway of Cotton, California, is a 6-3, 230-pound running back.

Brad Johnson, a 6-4, 210-pound quarterback from Swanno, North Carolina, has a cannon for an arm and 4.7 speed. He will have to decide between football and basketball.

Doug Lewis, 5-11, 180, is a running back from Middletown, Ohio. He runs a 4.5 40.

Gus Palma is on the receiving end of Gallagher's passes for Brook Haven in Bellport, New York. Scouts are calling him the state's best player. He has speedster timing with a 4.4 40.

Ken Prus is a 6-0, 175-pound defensive back from East Brunswick, New Jersey.

Derek Russell of Central of Little Rock, Arkansas, has 4.5 speed and 20 receptions for 475 yards. He is also a great kickoff returner.

Carlos Snow is a 5-9, 195-pound running back from Cincinnati, Ohio, who led his team to the state championship. Some reports have him committed to Tennessee.

Mike Stofflet is a 6-2, 188-pound quarterback from West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Tripp Welbourn, a 6-1, 187-pound wide receiver for Page in Greensboro, North Carolina, is an all-state selection with 4.5 speed. He has over 40 catches for over 700 yards.

Jamal West is a 6-3, 180-pound wide receiver from Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has blazing 4.5 speed. He made 20 catches for over 450 yards. He is also a top defensive back prospect.

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**Jim Farmer:**

# The Heart Plays A Part

by Donald F. Staffo

Too small, too slow said the recruiters who went wrong on Tide star

Two of the biggest basketball games Alabama won in January would seem to have little in common at first glance. The Tide's 14-point romp of Kentucky in Lexington—tying the most lopsided defeat ever put on the Wildcats in Rupp Arena—was called one of the biggest wins and best-played games in Bama history by Alabama Head Coach Wimp Sanderson. Less than a week later in Tuscaloosa the Tide took a 10-point win over lightly-regarded South Carolina.

Nevertheless, both were big victories. The win over Kentucky solidified Bama as a favorite for the league championship and as a top 20 team. The win over South Carolina gave the Tide a 7-2 record in nonconference games, a big step towards an NCAA Tournament berth in March.

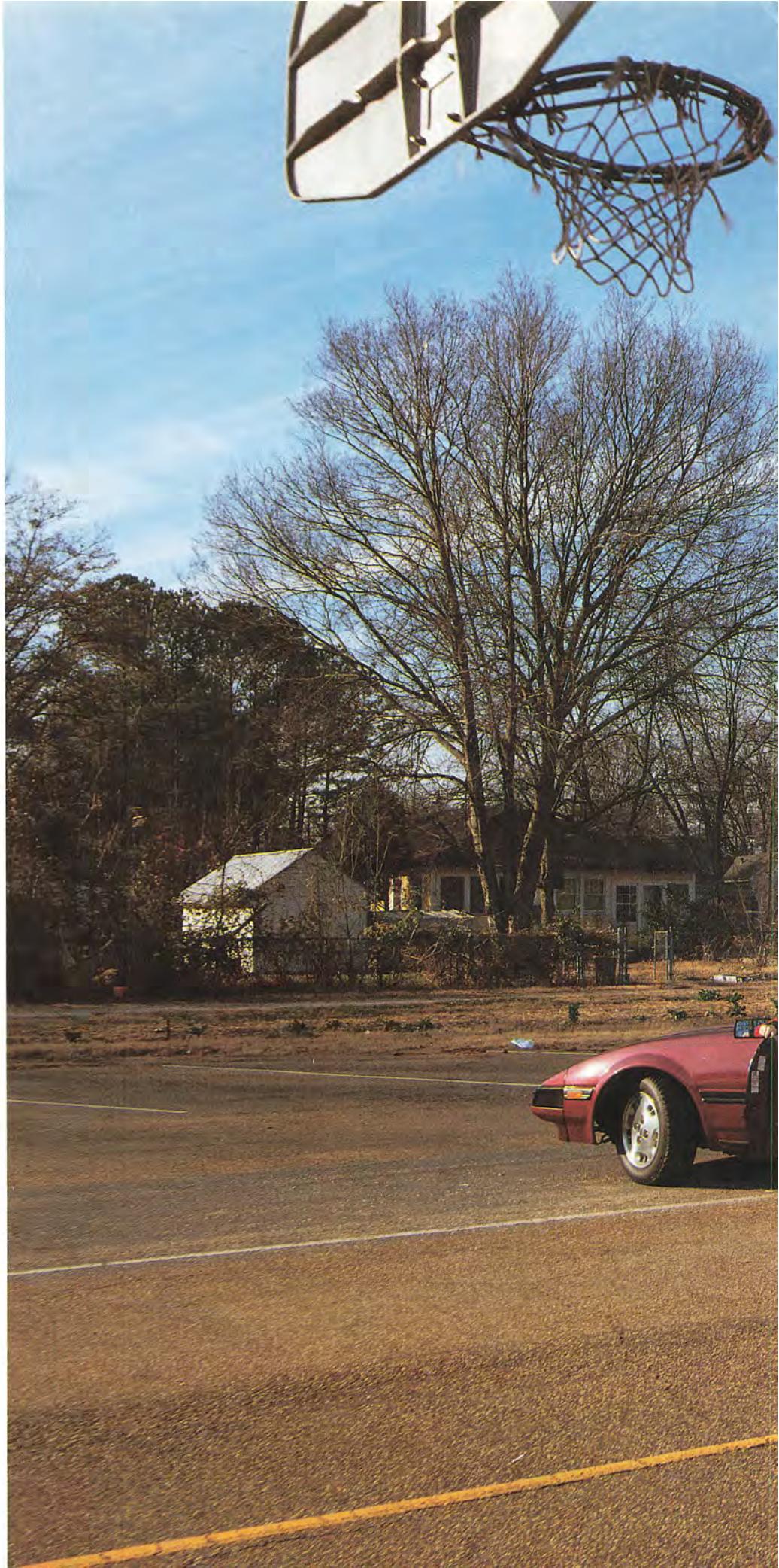
Another common denominator was Jim Farmer.

In Lexington, it was a close game at the half (31-29, Tide), but then Farmer caught fire with 20 of his 22 points coming after intermission and Alabama went on to roast Kentucky, 69-55. It was second-year Kentucky Head Coach Eddie Sutton's first home loss, the Wildcats' first home loss in 23 games, and tied the Tide's 1980 record of a 14-point defeat of Kentucky in Rupp Arena.

Twenty-three thousand and a regional television audience watched as Farmer, who started out cold (25 percent from the field in the first half), got hot (70 percent from the field in the second half) to spark Bama's upset of the ninth-ranked Wildcats. Farmer's three-point play with a little more than eight minutes left in the game gave the Tide an 11-point lead, and snuffed out the mild rally Kentucky was trying to stage. The shot and

**Jim Farmer didn't get to be the kind of basketball player he is without work. Ashley Shamblin watches the Bama senior get in a few shots on an outdoor playground.**

Barry Fikes Photo





free throw combination was called the most important play of the night by television color commentator Joe Dean.

"You've got to do three things to beat Kentucky in this arena," said Farmer after the game. "You've got to play good defense, shoot the ball well, and take the crowd out of the game. We did that tonight."

And, he could have added, you need a good game from Jim Farmer, who was called "the heart and soul of this Alabama team" by Dean both before and after the game. Nothing that transpired in between would have changed that opinion.

Less than a week later Farmer appeared to be the lone Tide fired up to play South Carolina. He hit nine of 11 field goal attempts (including both his three-point tries) and four of five free throws while pulling down nine rebounds in a 73-63 win. It was a notable performance in part because it broke Farmer out of his homecourt slump. In the Tide's two

previous Tuscaloosa appearances, SEC victories over Mississippi State and Vanderbilt, Farmer had managed but three-of-25 shooting from the field. "I guess I'm my own worst enemy," Farmer said of the short slump. "I guess I just lost my confidence, and nobody gets down on me worse than I get down on myself. Against South Carolina I was determined to get some rebounds and play defense. If the points came, good, but if I didn't score I was at least going to get some boards and play defense."

**S**lump or not, Farmer, a 6-3, 190-pound senior, has been Bama's second-leading scorer (behind all-star Derrick McKey) throughout the season. Not too shabby for a kid who four years ago was said not good enough to play major college basketball. The skeptics contended he was a "tweener," too slow to play guard and too short to play forward. No one wanted to take a chance on a

kid who could almost play either position, but whom most thought could play neither in the SEC.

The big-time recruiters looked at his lack of height and speed and then moved on to other prospects. The mistake they all made was that they didn't check the size of his heart. All, that is, except Wimp Sanderson.

"Jim could shoot the basketball very well coming out of high school, but the competition wasn't very good," explained Sanderson. "He came out of a private school league and he wasn't well-grounded fundamentally, especially on defense. But Jim's a very good competitor who plays hard and wants us to have a good team, and I like that."

So Farmer took advantage of the only Division I scholarship offer he had and enrolled at The Capstone. Oh, he says, he could have gone to a small college, and Auburn asked him to walk on, but as far as a grant-in-aid for big time basketball it was Alabama or nothing.

That restricted choice really wasn't as bad as it sounds because Bama is where Farmer wanted to go anyway. "No one knew how much I wanted to play major college basketball," said Farmer. "Alabama didn't really recruit me. It was more like I recruited them."

The cold shoulder from the recruiters came despite Farmer leading the state in scoring as a senior. He had a 34.9 points-per-game average at Dothan's Houston Academy, where he once poured in 54 points against Coffee Springs. He finished his prep career with 1,942 points.

But the distance between the basketball programs at Coffee Springs High School and the University of Kentucky would be more accurately measured in light years than in the distance in miles between them. "I played against 1-A high schools in an area that's not basketball-oriented," said Farmer in explaining how he was overlooked by most of the major college recruiters. "Heck, if I had been a recruiter I don't think I would have taken a chance on me either. But I wanted to play at this level, and I don't think they knew just how badly."

Sanderson did give him the opportunity, but today says that at the time he projected Farmer to be a reserve, more of a role player than the star he has become. "No," admits the head coach, "I didn't have any idea that Jim would be a starter or turn out to be this

**A**labama's Jim Farmer isn't likely to soon forget the performance he had in the Crimson Tide's devastation of Kentucky in Lexington in January. Farmer's play, particularly down the stretch, was instrumental in Bama's 14-point decision of the Wildcats.

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good. Jim has really had to work hard to play Division I basketball, and now that he's gotten there he's had to work to start.

"Jim's a self-made player, although I think we've given him some help," said Sanderson. "By that, I mean that we redshirted him as a freshman, and I think that helped him. And he's learned some things since he's been here. But mostly he's worked very hard to improve. He sets personal goals and then tries to reach those goals.

"We've had some really good players here, like Buck Johnson, Bobby Lee Hurt, Ennis Whatley and guys like that. And we've had some guys like Jim who have had to work to be good."

Things have turned out for Farmer just the way he dreamed they would. But not the way he thought they would, even after coming to Tuscaloosa. He said that during the first part of his second year (the 1983-84 season, which was his first year of participation after being redshirted) he wasn't doing too well and thought about transferring.

"At first I was just glad to be here," said Farmer. "I remember kind of being in awe of everything. My intention when I came here was to work hard and improve so that I could get into the lineup as soon as possible. But since I wasn't playing anyway, I thought I should either go someplace else where I could play or just cut loose and let everything hang out."

A rough translation of that second option is that he was going to try even harder, and fortunately for Alabama's basketball fortunes that was Farmer's choice. Looking back at that period, Farmer recognizes that part of his problem was a lack of confidence. The turning point came, he said, during the summer following that season when he went overseas to play with an Athletes In Action touring team. In addition to showcasing basketball talent, the AIA teams are expected to spread the faith. After leading his team in scoring during its Asian tour, Farmer said he came back to campus with faith in himself as a basketball player.

"During my sophomore year I started ten games and realized I could be a factor on the team," said Farmer. He was the most improved player on the Alabama roster that year, serving as a spot starter and sixth-man at the big guard position. He scored a season-high 15 points at Florida, one of five games in which he reached double figures. He ripped down a season-best seven rebounds in the regular season win at Auburn. Early in the season he was inserted into the starting lineup as the Tide knocked off league foes Georgia, LSU, Kentucky and Auburn to move back into conference competition.

With his confidence restored he intensified his offseason workouts. And he got another big boost in confidence following that semester when he played in the Birmingham Summer League, one of the NCAA-approved leagues in which amateur and professional players participate. Farmer, who had averaged 1.8 points per game as a freshman and 6.3 points per game as a sophomore, finished the summer as the league's fourth leading scorer at 25.5 points per game.

For the most part, college coaches don't think much of the work habits established in summer league play because the games have the appearance of being played under special rules in which defense is illegal. But Farmer probably gained from the experience of filling up the net as he hadn't done since his Houston Academy days.

Farmer was once again Bama's most improved player in his junior season last year. Although he's listed as an inch taller than his 6-3 height in official Alabama publications, he began to show in 1985-86 that he could be a "Little Big Man." On the year he averaged 12.8 points and 4.7 rebounds. In the 97-80 NCAA Tournament win over Xavier he scored a game-high 24 points. In the following tourney win over Illinois he tallied 13 points and was chosen the CBS-TV Player of the Game. As a junior he led the Tide in scoring nine times and rebounding three times. He scored in double digits 23 games and pulled down a career-best nine rebounds twice. His top scoring game was at Auburn when he poured in 25.

It was no surprise that Farmer again starred in the Birmingham Summer League, where he won the dunking contest for players 6-4-and-under. Additionally, he averaged about three hours per day running, jumping rope, lifting weights, and charting his accuracy during shooting drills where he'd mix 300 shots from various spots on the floor with 300 free throws.

The payoff for that regimen is that now he's better than ever, in fact pretty darned good.

"Last year I was more of a backup to Buck (Johnson) and Derrick (McKey)," Farmer said. "I did mostly the intangibles, diving for loose balls and things like that. I wasn't really looked upon to score."

"This year I feel like I'm being depended on to score and rebound more. Our opponents might look at me as more of a threat this year."

Tide Assistant Coach David Hobbs notes that "Jim has been one of the players who has made up some of the scoring we lost when Buck graduated (to the NBA's Hous-

ton Rockets). For us, Jim is a very effective player within our system. He plays a little bigger than he is, and he has to for us.

"His strengths are his ability to score and to get tough and increase his level of play when he has to. He'll usually play against a guy bigger than he is and someone who is a tough scorer. But the tougher the game, the tougher Jim is."

In the early part of the season he played as he did in the second half against Kentucky and as he did against South Carolina. After the first three games he was hitting 68 percent from the floor. In the third game he hit for a career best 26 points, but that personal record lasted only until the next game when he bombed Arkansas for 30.

Auburn Head Coach Sonny Smith told his story to a state newspaper. "We didn't go after him like we could have," he said of Farmer. "And, hey, that was a major mistake." Coaches like Georgia's Hugh Durham, Arkansas's Nolan Richardson and Kentucky's Eddie Sutton have wondered aloud how Farmer could have been so overlooked out of high school.

He's still short and slow, and he's played both forward and guard for the Tide. "They list me at forward, but we more or less run a three-guard offense," Farmer explained. "I consider myself a guard, though."

Sanderson said, "It makes the chemistry of our team a little better when Jim's at forward. That's because he rebounds as well as some of the big guys we've got. We've pretty much left him at forward so far this year, but if we need a big lineup we'll move someone else up to play forward and play Jim at guard."

But no matter where he plays, Farmer has gotten the job done—whether it's driving for a layup, penetrating and then pulling up for the short jumper, grabbing a key rebound, making a good pass, or hitting the three-pointer.

"Scoring is not everything, winning is what's important, and that calls for playing all areas of the game," said Farmer. "I'll do whatever it takes to help the team win."

"I want to win the conference, go to the NCAA, and make it to the Final Four. Those are my goals."

Oh, and down the road the sports fitness management major who will graduate this summer has one more goal—to have a chance to play in the NBA. Too small and too slow you say? Maybe so, but try telling that to Jim Farmer, a kid who did not even receive any preseason All-SEC mention but who has been beating the odds and making supposedly knowledgeable basketball people look foolish, ever since 1982 when they said he couldn't play major college basketball.

# Offering Management And Support

by Tommy Deas

Bama's new athletics director has plans for the future

**A**ddressing a packed house of reporters at a press conference announcing his new position as athletics director at Alabama, Steve Sloan stepped forward.

"I'd rather stand, if that would be all right," Sloan started. Television cameras began whirring and photographers began clicking and flashing away. "Now," Sloan said, "I think I'd rather sit."

If he has his way, Sloan says, his role atop the Crimson Tide athletics department will not be one for the front pages. Sloan says he wants to be "a management person and a support person, not a focus person. I prefer to be in the background."

The background is where it all started for Sloan, who graduated from Alabama in 1966 a football and academic All-America with a degree in education. Rated among the top football and basketball prospects in the nation out of high school, he came to Alabama from Cleveland, Tennessee, largely because of one man, Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant.

"Initially," Sloan says, "I'd say he was the reason I came (to Bama). I was kind of in awe of Coach Bryant in our first meeting as a group. He was a strong person and I don't think I'd ever been around someone with such a strong personality and such charisma."

"I did stand in awe of him, but I wasn't scared of him."

Like all freshmen of the time, Sloan sat out his first year before garnering playing time as a defensive back as a sophomore. He had a hand in the Tide's 1963 loss to Florida at Denny Stadium, Bryant's first home turf loss at the helm of the Tide, and soon found himself on the bench.

"I missed several tackles," Sloan recalls, "and we lost (10-6) and I didn't play much

until Joe got suspended."

Joe, of course, was All-America quarterback Joe Namath, who gained a measure of Alabama fame that rivaled his football achievements when he tested Bryant's strict off-field ethics late in the '63 season.

Sloan split time behind center in the final regular season game against Miami, a 17-12 Tide win. Talk among Tide fans in the days leading up to a Sugar Bowl date with Ole Miss centered much more around Namath than Sloan.

"There was a lot of pressure on Coach Bryant," Sloan says, "to bring Joe back for the Sugar Bowl, rightly so because Joe was such a great athlete. Coach Bryant wasn't the type to relent to that."

So it was Sloan, not Namath, who led the Tide to a 12-7 victory on four Tim Davis field goals on January 1, 1964. The Tide's green sophomore didn't set any official Sugar Bowl records, passing for just 29 yards and running for only 26, but he now laughingly recalls one moment to remember.

"I was nervous, to be honest," Sloan says. "I didn't want to make too many mistakes, because we had a defense that usually did not give up many points. I got in the game and we ran an option play and I pitched to the referee."

"When you're running the option, you don't really look at the halfback, so out of the corner of my eye I saw him (the ref) get out of the way. I remember thinking, 'He doesn't want the ball.'

"I guess I'm the only guy to ever pitch the ball to the ref. I guess it's the only Sugar Bowl record I have."

Unspectacular as his performance may have been ("I just got the snap and handed it off and got out of the way," Sloan says), the young Tide quarterback met Bryant's

standards. "We won the game," he says, "and that was Coach Bryant's criteria."

Over the next two years, Sloan continued to measure up. Behind Namath as a junior, he helped take the Tide to a 10-1 record and a national championship. In 1965, with Namath graduated to the American Football League's New York Jets, Sloan went 9-1-1 and took Alabama to its second straight national and SEC title.

Sloan completed 20 passes for 296 yards, both still school bowl records, as the Crimson Tide downed Nebraska 39-28 in the Orange Bowl. He was named Most Valuable Player of the game. Sloan passed for 1,453 yards as a senior, at the time the most ever by a Tide passer. He still ranks ninth on Alabama's all-time passing list, and only three players have surpassed his senior year marks.

**A**fter a brief stint with the Atlanta Falcons, Sloan returned to the Capstone to begin a career in coaching. Sloan, one of the few men ever sought out by Bryant as an assistant, came back to coach the Alabama backfield from 1968 to 1970.

The move was one he likens to taking the athletics director's job.

"It's similar to my situation when Coach Bryant asked me to come back and coach here," Sloan says. "I wanted to get into coaching, and to start at Alabama was a great opportunity."

"If I didn't feel very strong about the school and people and the program here, I would have never left Duke. When you have aspirations to work in administration like I have, and the timing is right, this is a job you can't turn down."

Sloan left the head coaching job at Duke after a 14-year coaching career that he began as a 28-year-old at Vanderbilt. He took the

Commodores to their first bowl in 19 years before leaving after two seasons to take over at Texas Tech. He took the Red Raiders to two bowls in his three-year reign, and shared the Southwest Conference title with a 10-1 record in 1976.

After a 7-5 record in 1977, Sloan left Texas Tech to take over at Ole Miss and left his winning days as a head coach behind. In five seasons at Ole Miss and in four at Duke, Sloan never had a winning season, and finished with a 66-86-3 career coaching record.

Young for an athletics director at age 42, Sloan pledges to keep the Tide athletics department on its feet while striving to improve graduation rates and win without rule-breaking.

"When I was at Alabama (as a student)," Sloan remembers, "I enjoyed the quadrangle. I used to like walking around it. I spent most of my time at the commerce school and I was in the library a lot."

Sloan hopes Alabama athletes will take a page from his text when it comes to class-work, a chief criterion stressed by University President Dr. Joab Thomas when seeking a new athletics director and new head football coach to replace Ray Perkins.

"I hope every sport can be successful within the confines of the rules and I hope we can graduate all our people," Sloan says. "We will stress academics and graduation. I think Dr. Thomas is sending a message to the entire nation that we didn't want to give up our championships, but we wanted to improve our graduation rates."

To do so in an era of fierce competition among recruiters without breaking rules along the way may be a lofty goal, but it is one Sloan expects to be met.

"How many schools have we got on probation—20-something, and X number being investigated? There are a lot of people who compromise to get certain players to help win games," Sloan said. "We will not stand for any rules violations in any sport. I tell the coaches their jobs are on the line, and I don't know what else you can do as an administrator."

"In some conferences, that happens on a very regular basis. A lot of times it depends on the poverty situation with a particular athlete. It can happen with the parents without the kid even knowing about it."

"What I would tell (a coach) would be if somebody out there is recruiting illegally, turn them in. I wouldn't want to turn people in without proof, but if you have proof you should turn them in."

Has Sloan, in his tenure coaching in the Southwest, Southeastern and Atlantic Coast conferences, done so to any rival coaches?

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If Steve Sloan looks at home in his new position as Alabama's director of athletics it's because the former Crimson Tide All-America quarterback is home.

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"There are ways to turn people in without anyone knowing who turned them in. That is the way I'll answer that," Sloan said.

**C**heating, graduation rates and winning tradition aside, Sloan has taken on the load of restructuring the Alabama athletics department. He started an exhausting pace

interviewing department employees, restructuring job descriptions, studying the budget and giving attention to the needs of each sport when he accepted the job.

In the past, under Bryant and Perkins, the head football coach has taken charge of the athletics department—an idea, Sloan says, whose time has come and gone.

"The real change here," he said, "is instead of having the athletics director as the head football coach, you'll have two people at those jobs. If you're the head football coach, you can't worry about the swim team and the tennis team. There's not enough time. You might appoint someone to it, but you can't do it all yourself."

"I want everybody to have a real good chance to be successful, and if they need anything and we can provide it, then they'll get it."

Sloan also inherited an athletics department in debt, but one he says is still in good financial shape. Under Perkins, a new football office complex, with state-of-the-art weight room, locker room and training room facilities, and a top-of-the-line indoor football practice facility have been completed. Bryant Hall was completely remodeled and revamped to include extensive study areas. Renovations on Bryant-Denny Stadium have also started.

It is Sloan's job, he says, "to figure out a way to pay for all these buildings."

"We do have some debt," he says. "You can figure it out for yourself—the stadium expansion costs \$17 million. (Total debt in the athletics department is estimated between \$35 and \$40 million.) We don't have an arm of the athletics program for fund raising beyond the scholarship program."

"Our biggest marketing program will be the seats (at Bryant-Denny). We will have a new priority seating program. Priority seating is essentially a way of raising funds for the athletics program."

"I look at it like an investment. It's like investing in a stock—your dividends are the enjoyment of the teams and watching the players and the games. I think it's an investment for the people who support the athletics department because they will help us keep growing and improving."

Among Sloan's first moves in his new position were the promotion of Jim Goosetree to executive athletics director, where he will be in charge of the building program, and the additions of new Head Football Coach Bill Curry and Basketball Coach Wimp Sanderson as assistant athletics directors, where they will have complete charge of their programs.

Sloan also announced that Bryant's tower, from which the Tide's legendary coach watched endless practice sessions with what Sloan calls "all-seeing eyes," will be reassembled in its former place overlooking the Thomas Field practice facility. The tower was removed by Perkins, and had been earmarked for a place in the Paul W. Bryant Mu-



Steve Sloan made a name for himself as an all-time favorite Tide player in the mid-1960s. Two decades later he leads Bama's athletics program.

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seum to be constructed on campus.

"Coach Bryant was a friend and he helped me in many, many ways," Sloan recalled. "Most of my remembrances of the tower were practice situations."

"The times I was up there, I was uncomfortable. I preferred to talk to him somewhere else. It was a very powerful fortress for the players, knowing he was up there watching you with those all-seeing eyes looking over practice."

For 25 seasons Bryant kept the Tide football program at the top of the heap, winning six national championships and 13 SEC titles. Ray Perkins improved Tide facilities to rank with any college program's in the nation in his four years, and left after 9- and 10-win seasons.

Under Sloan, Curry will have the heavy responsibility of leading a new Tide era, one which promises integrity, academic achievement and a commitment to winning.

Said Sloan, "This is my theory: I don't categorize things into eras. I just hope we can

maintain the traditions we have had and carry on.

"Basically, it would be a philosophy of continuing the traditions of The University, and if some areas need improvement, we'll address those."

On taking the director of athletics job at Alabama, Sloan said the thing he will miss most is coaching. Dr. Thomas said Sloan "is not going to call the plays from the sidelines or bring in the substitutes. The head football coach will answer to him, the golf coach will answer to him, the swimming coach will answer to him, the gymnastics coach will answer to him, but he will have no coaching responsibilities."

Still considered one of the coaching field's bright young minds on the passing game, Sloan has been asked by Curry for some advice sessions on the art of the forward pass.

"He asked for some time to talk about (the passing game) when recruiting is over with and he has some time," Sloan said. "We'll meet then."

"When you go into coaching, you don't miss playing as much as if, say, you had gone into business, because you're still involved with the players and the games."

And will an athletics director miss coaching, now that he has left the field of play?

"I'll have to experience it first," Sloan says.

Goosetree, who was head trainer for the Crimson Tide in Sloan's playing days ("He kept me pieced together," Sloan says), enters his new situation under a new head man without reservations about Dr. Thomas's choice to run the department.

But, Goosetree warns, don't believe those who tell you an ill word has never been uttered about one of the Tide family's favored sons. "He's bad about beating you on the golf course," Goosetree said of the former Tennessee prep golf champion. "He's real tough there, and he'll take advantage of you."

That toughness, Goosetree says, is the quality that will make Sloan a success again at the Capstone.

Said Goosetree, "The story that comes to mind (with some of his peers questioning whether me might be tough enough for this position) is a game in 1964 against Mississippi State in Jackson, where he was tackled out of bounds and his top teeth were knocked back against the roof of his mouth.

"We plucked some teeth out on the sidelines and he spat out some blood and went back out on the field and won a football game."

"To me, that's toughness."

## Track & Field Outlook:

# In A Winning Rut

by Jan Miller

### Men and women should once again be among nation's elite

It really is quite a nice rut to be in, being one of the top teams in the nation. Alabama's men's and women's track and field programs have continually been one of the forces to be reckoned with nationally, and this year will be no exception.

Returning for Alabama is an awesome pair—national champions Keith Talley (110-meter hurdles) and Lillie Leatherwood King (400-meter dash). Both are seniors.

The women look to equal or better last year's historic indoor and outdoor seasons. The indoor season, track fans will remember, found a quintet of gifted athletes taking Oklahoma City and the Indoor NCAA's by storm, defeating Texas' 13 qualifiers for the National Championship; the first non-football championship in Alabama's athletic history.

Bama was spurred by an indestructible Liz Lynch who won the NCAA Championship in the mile run and placed second in the 3000 meters less than one hour later. All six women who qualified for the Championship returned home with All-America citations in hand, as no one placed lower than sixth.

The women were untouchable as they swept the Outdoor SEC Championship to go with their Indoor SEC title of four months earlier, and finished second to champion Texas (this year's cross country champ) at the 1986 Outdoor NCAA meet. . . . the finest finish ever for a UA women's squad.

This year the same good things are in store for the Lady Tide. The chief loss for Bama is four-time SEC Champion and two-time National women's javelin champion Iris Gronfeldt—a large loss that creates a definite void in the field events.

But on the strengths that return. In the sprints, sophomore All-America and last year's outdoor 100m and 200m dash champion Pauline Davis returns to the battle of the straightaways.

Junior All-America Evelyn Adiru will hold forth in the middle distance events for the Lady Tide, defending her 880-yard (indoor) and 1500m (outdoor) SEC Championships. Good times are promised as well from All-America Heidi Olafsdottir who ran extremely

well at the Outdoor NCAA's finishing third in the 5000m run.

Internationally-feared quartemiler Lillie Leatherwood King (married UA world champion Emmit King in November of this year) will not run indoors, yet has one remaining season of outdoor eligibility and will defend her SEC and NCAA 400m titles in that outdoor season.

The distance crew, headed by Adiru and Olafsdottir, will be a strength of this Tide women's team, as the cross country squad advanced to the NCAA Championship this year, winning SEC and Regional championship titles along the way under first-year coach and new Bama assistant coach David Troy. Look for Adiru, Olafsdottir, Jeni Nielsen (SEC Champion 10,000m), Susan Crawford (SEC Champion Distance Medley relay indoors) and newcomer Elspeth Turner to challenge the nation's best this year.

"I expect us to be a surprise at the NCAA meets, indoors and out," said first-year coach Doug Williamson; "especially our distance people. They should win a slug of points at the NCAA Championship level with the tremendous cross country season they had this year. Jeni (Nielsen), Evelyn (Adiru) and Heidi (Olafsdottir) are going to be tough to beat as will Susan Crawford and Elspeth Turner."

Williamson hopes for freshman (eligibility) Mindy Lukens to overcome healing back and knee injuries and help the team at the conference level, as well as newcomers Sandra Latham and Jill Neighbors and proven relay members Veronica Connally and Sherry White.

The field events will be sparked by SEC high jump champion Laura Agron, a senior, and by the 1986 Commissioner's Trophy award winner at the SEC Outdoor meet, sophomore Flora Hyacinth, who specializes in the 400m hurdles, long jump, triple jump and both 400m and 1600m relays. The Commissioner's Trophy is given to the high point scorer at the Outdoor SEC Championship.

According to Williamson, "Alabama will again be in contention for the SEC Championship (both indoor and outdoor), despite a lack of depth. We have tremendous quality; quantity is the problem. LSU is definitely the team to beat," says the coach. "The quality of track and field athlete here at The University of Alabama is truly amazing. We definitely have the people to contend for individual SEC and All-America titles as well

as individual NCAA Champion crowns. It is exciting to work with people of that caliber. The talent on this team is so abundant."

That talent is not missing from the Crimson Tide's men's squad either. The men were led by NCAA Champion Keith Talley in the 110m hurdles who also won everyone's praise at the Outdoor SEC meet for his victories in the long jump, 110m hurdles and his winning of the Commissioner's Trophy as high point scorer for the men in just his first year at Alabama (transferred from Southwest Michigan Junior College).

Junior Peter McColgan enjoyed a splendid year, winning the SEC titles in both his 3000m steeplechase specialty as well as the 5000m run, and earning All-America accolades in the steeplechase placing third. Vestteinn Hafsteinsson completed Bama's trio of All-Americans as the powerful Icelander finished fourth overall in the discus competition.

Williams finds again, the problem is quantity, not quality, with his men's team.

"Out in front of our returners is Keith Talley," said the coach. "Keith is virtually a one-man wrecking crew. His forte is the hurdles and the long jump. He could master the decathlon if he had time to train, but he's looking to the World Championship. He will be a heavy hurdle for us indoors and out and has the ability to score nationally in both with productive training."

Also tabbed as potential scorers at the NCAA meets are McColgan in the 3000m indoors and steeplechase outdoors, thrower Eggert Bogason (who has benefitted from an intense lifting regime concentrating on power lifts, showing dramatic improvement in both the shot put and discus), and sophomore Dudson Higgins, who qualified for the NCAAs in the triple jump last year.

The quarter mile will find the talents of Larry Cantrell (sophomore) and Alfonzo Henson (junior) with cross country runners Regal Perry, Tony Gines and Pat Morris out in front in Bama's distance corps. Look for the Tide's 4x800 relay to be strong as well with these gentlemen passing the baton.

Scott Spangler, John Robinett and Robert Lindsay will comprise the pole vaulting legion this year, which will beef up field event scoring. Tad Parker returns with Bogason to handle shot put and discus work.

The men have their eyes on SMU, NCAA cross country champion Arkansas, Texas, LSU, Tennessee and Florida as the national leaders.

The Tide will host the Southeastern Conference championships for men and women May 13-16. "We are really looking forward to hosting the conference championship," said Williamson.

# Crisp Was Mr. Everything

by Mark A. Morrison

**Alabama's last athletics director who wasn't head football coach was lots of other things**

**W**hat do Steve Sloan and Hank Crisp have in common?

The answer is simple if you're an Alabama football trivia buff.

Sloan is Alabama's first full-time athletics director since Crisp in 1957, who does not

also occupy the head football coaching position.

Before Sloan's being named athletics director and Bill Curry head football coach on January 4, one has to go back three decades in Alabama history before the titles are separated.

There was a span of 28 days, after Paul Bryant's retirement as head football coach on December 29, 1982, when he served as athletics director with Ray Perkins head football coach. Following Bryant's death on January 26, 1983, Perkins assumed both roles.

Present day Alabama fans need not be reminded of Sloan's All-America days at The University in the mid-1960s. But some may

need to be refreshed concerning Hank Crisp.

Bryant once said of Crisp, "To every man who ever wore the red jersey, he was the greatest."

And perhaps he was. After all, it was Crisp who drove to Arkansas and brought Bryant back to campus, which in itself is enough for Alabamians to be truly grateful. Actually, it is just one of thousands of things that "Coach Hank" did for the University of Alabama, according to former players, managers, associates and alumni who remember their personal experiences with this legendary Alabama figure.

**I**t all started in February of 1921 when Crisp, a native of Crisp, North Carolina, came to Alabama from Virginia Tech. At VPI, Crisp had been a star athlete and pupil despite losing his right hand at the age of 13. He earned letters in football, basketball and track, and was a member of the baseball squad.

When Charlie Bernier came to Alabama as athletics director his first move was to hire Crisp out of the coal fields of West Virginia as an assistant football and head track coach. Thus, started a lengthly love affair between Crisp and Alabama that lasted more than 40 years.

During his time at the Capstone, Crisp never was head football coach, but gained unusual reknown as an assistant. He served under five head coaches—Xen Scott, Wallace Wade, Frank Thomas, Red Drew and J. B. Whitworth.

He headed up Alabama's track team from 1921 to 1929 and was baseball coach in 1928 to 1929.

Many feel Crisp's biggest contribution was to the Alabama's basketball program. He took over as head basketball coach in 1924 and continued in this post until 1942 when he went into the Navy. During his 18 years as head basketball coach, his Crimson Tide teams were among the most feared anywhere and he compiled an amazing 266-129 record. His 1930 team is the only undefeated team in Alabama history, winning 20 in a row.

**Hank Crisp served The University of Alabama as an assistant football coach and head coach in baseball, basketball and track and was twice Bama's director of athletics.**

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that season.

When World War II came along, Crisp was off to the Navy and, at the special request of high-ranking Naval officials who knew the value of such a man to their program, was in the Pre-Flight program in Athens, Georgia, from 1942 to 1944.

After the war, he joined the coaching staff of the Miami Seahawks in what was then the American Football League. He moved on to Tulane in 1947 as an assistant coach.

Finally, in 1950, Alabama got him back. And this time for keeps.

He joined Alabama's staff as an assistant under Red Drew and then in 1954 became athletics director for the second time. He had previously served as the director from 1931 to 1939.

When Alabama got Bryant to become head coach and athletics director in 1958, Crisp stepped down. He took over as director of intramural sports and held the position for 10 years until he retired at age 70.

It was ironic that three years later on Friday night, January 23, 1970—a night Crisp was to be inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame—he died of a heart seizure. The headline in the following day's *Tuscaloosa News* captured the moment well: "Happiest Day For Crisp, Sad One for Friends."

According to Charles Land, the *News* sports editor at the time, the 73-year-old Crisp collapsed at a reception at the Birmingham Art Museum less than an hour before the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

Land wrote that Johnny Mack Brown, a Crisp-tutored star on Alabama's Rose Bowl football champs in 1926 and later a famed movie star, cried when he was told of Crisp's death.

And Brown was not alone.

Thousands of Alabama men offered similar signs of affection, admiration and respect for Coach Hank.

Jeff Coleman, who served as business manager of the athletics department from 1927 to 1954, said Crisp did as much to shape the character of Alabama players as any coach Alabama ever had.

## And As For Academics

The current goal of academic integrity for college athletes may seem to be a new development, but Lundy Smith, who gained fame as Alabama's one-man track team in 1926, recalled Hank Crisp's admonition.

In the A Club Alumni Association's "Coach Hank Crisp Stories Remembered by Hank's Boys" Smith wrote:

On one occasion Coach Hank was reprimanding an "athlete" for neglecting his studies (Hank never tolerated any neglect of one's studies). So, Hank was overheard to say, "You (expletive deleted), don't you realize you have four years here on campus, then 40 years after leaving here? You should have your (expletive deleted) kicked if you don't realize that small fact of life."

All-America tackle for Alabama in 1934, Bill Lee's position coach was Crisp. "I didn't know much about football, but I met the right man," said Lee. "Coach Crisp took me under his wing, treated me like a son, and made a football player of me."

Lee's words were echoed by many of "Hank's Boys," the label given to Crisp's former players, in a compilation of stories done by the A Club Alumni Association in the late 1970s.

John H. Suther, who played football for Crisp from 1927 to 1931, recalled Crisp. "Hank has been a friend of all the football players. On the field he was rough as hell; but off the field he was just like a daddy to us. Actually, if it had not been for Hank, I don't guess I would have gone to college. I was never offered a scholarship and Hank told me to go register and he would take care of the bill. That's the way I got in."

"My last year I was a poor boy. I didn't have any money and I needed a suit of clothes. Coach Hank told me to go down to Black, Friedman and Winston and buy a suit and charge it to him. I did and I know without reason he paid for that suit of clothes out of his pocket."

Another Crisp pupil, Holt Rast (football, 1939), told of the time he went in to borrow five dollars off Coach Crisp.

"He turned out his pockets," said Rast. "He didn't have five. But he went out and borrowed five and let me have it."

Riley Smith, a letterman in football and track from 1931 to 1935, recalled an Alabama-Georgia contest in Athens in which the Tide's Jim Whatley got slugged by Georgia's right end, Henry Wagon.

"Jim's eye was bleeding heavily," said Smith. "Coach Hank came out with his little bag and threw a little water on Jim who was lying on the ground. Jim said, 'My eye, Coach, my eye.' Coach Hank kicked him in the butt and said, 'You've got one good eye left haven't you?' He picked up his little bag and walked off the field. Jim played the best quarter of football I've ever seen."

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# BAMA SCORECARD

## And The Winner Is . . .

Throughout the 1986 football season it was noted that two outstanding centers were on display in the Southeastern Conference, Auburn's Ben Tamburello and Alabama's Wes Neighbors. Auburn's sports information office conducted a successful campaign on Tamburello's behalf and he was the nation's consensus All-America at that position. The press chooses virtually every All-America team. However, when the SEC office polled the league's head coaches for an all-conference team, Tamburello and Neighbors tied. And when the SEC assistant coaches voted on the league's best blocker to receive the prestigious Jacobs Award, Neighbors was the winner.

The award has been given annually since 1935 by the Dr. W.J. Jacobs family of Clinton, South Carolina.

Neighbors' father, Billy, an All-America at Alabama in 1961, was also a winner of the Jacobs Award. It is the first time a father and son have been so honored.

Thirteen Tidesters have won the Jacobs Award. In addition to the Neighbors, other Bama blocking stars were quarterback Riley Smith (who won the first one in 1935 when Alabama operated from the Notre Dame box formation in which the quarterback was primarily a blocker), guard Leroy Monsky (1937), quarterback Hal Self (1946), quarterback Butch Avinger (1949 and 1950), halfback Butch Wilson (1962), tackle Cecil Dowdy (1966), guard John Hannah (1972), guard Buddy Brown (1973), center Sylvester Croom (1974), guard Bob Cryder (1977) and center Dwight Stephenson (1979).

## Lettermen

Alabama has announced that 62 men lettered during the 1986 football season as the Tide went 10-3. The class breakdown shows seven freshmen, 19 sophomores, 13 juniors and 23 seniors.

The lettermen include:

Freshmen—Linebacker Van Davis, cornerback John Mangum, strong safety Lee Ozmint, defensive tackle Derrick Rushton, noseguard Willie Wyatt, tight end Charlie Abrams and guard Andy Anderson. (Mangum, Ozmint, Wyatt and Abrams were true freshmen.)

Sophomores—Linebacker George Beethune, defensive tackle Tommy Cole, tight end Howard Cross, guard John Fruhrogen, linebacker Greg Gilbert, halfbacks Bobby Humphrey and Gene Jelks, free safety Kermit Kendrick, tackle Joe King, punter Chris Mohr, guard Larry Rose, linebacker

Willie Shephard, defensive tackle Anthony Smith, linebacker Derrick Thomas, free safety Steve Wilson, cornerback Todd Richardson, free safety Erlando Courtney, quarterback David Smith and halfback David Casteal.

Juniors—Placement holder Larry Abney, fullback Doug Allen, guard Jeff Bentley, linebacker Phillip Brown, guard Bill Condon, halfback Kerry Goode, linebacker Lydell Mitchell, fullback Carlos Robinson, linebacker Randy Rockwell, tight end Angelo Stafford, split end Clay Whitehurst, fullback Bo Wright and linebacker Craig Epps.

Seniors—Flanker Albert Bell, linebacker Cornelius Bennett, halfback Chester Braggs, cornerback Britton Cooper, linebacker Wayne Davis, linebacker Joe Godwin, cornerback Chris Goode, linebacker Desmond Holoman, noseguard Curt Jarvis, tackle Hoss Johnson, strong safety Shon Lee, center Wes Neighbors, tackle Gary Otten, split end Greg Richardson, cornerback Freddie Robinson, quarterback Mike Shula, defensive tackle Derrick Slaughter, defensive tackle Cliff Thomas, strong safety Ricky Thomas, placekicker Van Tiffin, guard George Salem, snapper Darin Whitlock and placekicker Butch Worley.

Four-year lettermen included Bennett, Braggs, Cooper, W. Davis, Jarvis, Neighbors, Richardson, F. Robinson, R. Thomas and Tiffin.

Student trainer Scott Pippin and student manager Mike Nichols also lettered.

## Athletes Of The Year

Crimson Tide athletes swept the top spots as the U.S. Sports Academy chose top male and female athletes of the year in Alabama. Linebacker Cornelius Bennett and gymnast Penney Hauschild were selected and will be honored at a banquet April 25 in Mobile. Sportscaster Howard Cosell will emcee the \$100 per plate black tie affair.

Other honorees include national amateur athletes of the year Vinny Testaverde of Miami and Jackie Joyner of UCLA, professional athletes of the year Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics and Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova, the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Courage Award to Rocky Bleier of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Jim Thorpe All-Around Award to hurdler/San Francisco 49er Renaldo Nehemiah.

## Changing Times

Following the 1986 football season three of the nation's top five college head jobs—

those at Alabama, Texas and Southern Cal—opened up and were filled. For 13 years, from 1962 through 1975, those three schools retained the same head coaches in Paul Bryant, Darrell Royal and John McKay.

## Four-Year Records

Alabama has had eight head football coaches who came in and stayed at least four years. Because the Crimson Tide has almost always been a winner, only one of those eight had a rebuilding job to do, Paul Bryant following J.B. Whitworth (who went 4-24-2 in his three years).

Wallace Wade had the best first four years of any Alabama coach, going 34-3-2 from 1923 to 1926. That's slightly better than the man who replaced him, Frank Thomas. Thomas went 34-4-1 in his first four years, 1931-34.

Ray Perkins had the seventh best winning percentage of those eight, a 32-15-1 mark since 1983. Only D.G. Graves (1911-14) was worse, 21-12-3.

Here are the eight coaches who stayed at least four years and their records in their first four years:

Wallace Wade (1923-26)	34-3-2	.897
Frank Thomas (1931-34)	34-4-1	.885
Paul Bryant (1958-61)	31-7-5	.779
J.W.H. Pollard (1906-09)	20-4-5	.776
Xen C. Scott (1919-22)	29-9-3	.744
Red Drew (1947-50)	29-12-2	.698
Ray Perkins (1983-86)	32-15-1	.677
D.G. Graves (1911-14)	21-12-3	.625

## The Sweet 16

One of the state's most diligent surveyors of in-state high school football talent is Cecil Hurt of *The Tuscaloosa News*. With the completion of the high school season he has issued his "Sweet 16" of senior prospects, and academics plays a part in his listing. It is:

1. Steve Webb, 6-3, 230, defensive end, Holt; 2. Scott Bolt, 6-3, 270, offensive lineman, Alexander City Benjamin Russell; 3. George Thornton, 6-4, 264, defensive lineman, Montgomery Jeff Davis; 4. Philip Doyle, 6-1, 190, placekicker, Birmingham Huffman; 5. Keith McCants, 6-3, 225, linebacker, Mobile Murphy; 6. Victor Hall, 6-4, 215, linebacker, Anniston Walter Wellborn; 7. Steve Ramer, 6-3, 221, linebacker, Monroe County; 8. Larry Ware, 5-10, 180, running back, Montgomery Robert E. Lee.

9. Scott Gurosky, 6-3, 200, quarterback, Vestavia Hills; 10. Thomas Holmes, 6-4, 210, tight end, Midfield; 11. John Wiley, 6-0, 180, defensive back, Opelika; 12. J.D.

McDuffie, 6-3, 245, tackle, Gadsden; 13. Brian Stutson, 6-1, 180, defensive back, Birmingham Parker; 14. Sam Atkins, 6-4, 255, offensive tackle, Mobile Murphy; 15. Craig Sanderson, 5-10, 170, wide receiver, Hamilton; and 16. James McLellan, 6-4, 302, tackle, Mary Montgomery of Semmes.

*The Birmingham News* listed its top 12 as 1. Webb, 2. Doyle, 3. McCants, 4. Bolt, 5. Sanderson, 6. Ramer, 7. Wiley, 8. Cedric Moore, 6-3, 255, lineman, Bessemer Jess Lanier, 9. Hall, 10. Gurosky, 11. Ware, 12. Thornton.

*The Birmingham Post-Herald's* Ten Most Wanted were 1. Webb, 2. Doyle, 3. McCants, 4. Bolt, 5. Alex Thomas, 6-3, 210, wide receiver-safety, Dothan, 6. Thornton, 7. Ramer, 8. Gurosky, 9. Hall, 10. Ware.

### Signees Updates

Alabama's three basketball signees from the early signing period are distinguishing themselves in their senior prep seasons. Here is an update through January 25:

Marcus Campbell, a 6-7, 205-pound center, has led Coach Nelson Hughes' Livingston team to a 15-2 record. Despite being hampered by a sprained ankle and defenses that put two and three men on him, Campbell is averaging 25 points, 13 rebounds and four blocked shots per game.

Melvin Cheatum, a 6-8, 185-pound forward from Winnsboro, Louisiana, has led Coach J.W. Mercer's team to a 17-3 record. He is leading his team in scoring (24 points per game), rebounding (13) and blocked shots (6). His 46-point, 17-rebound performance in a recent game earned him mention in *USA Today*. He is playing both on the wing and inside.

Bryant Lancaster, a 6-4, 180-pound wing player from Valley High School in Fairfax has led Coach Richard Carter's team to an 18-3 record, including a 1-1 mark against the state's number one ranked team, Auburn. Although Valley lost to Auburn (which has three players who have signed college scholarships) in a game at Auburn, the *Columbus (Georgia) Ledger/Enquirer* called Lancaster the most polished of the four who have signed. He is averaging 18.8 points, 8 rebounds, 7.5 assists and 5 steals per game.

Cheatum and Lancaster have already successfully passed the ACT for eligibility next year. Campbell, who is an honor student, has not yet taken the test.

Bill Cronauer, who operates the highly-regarded B/C Basketball Camp, rated the nation's early recruiting classes for *The Cats' Pause*, a publication covering Kentucky sports, and listed Bama as 14th best in the nation among schools with three or more early signees. The bad news is that Kentucky was number one and Georgia fifth. And among schools with two signees in the early period Florida was ninth.

### Football To Baseball

Three Crimson Tide football players—wide receiver Clay Whitehurst, running back John Cassimus and defensive back Shannon Felder—are working out with the Bama baseball team, trying to make the squad as outfielders.

Felder played sparingly with the Tide last spring, but has one distinction. In 1986 Alabama hit a school record 95 home runs. Hitters of 94 of those have gone, either graduated or drafted by the pros. The other homer was by Felder, an inside-the-park job.

Bama Head Coach Barry Shollenberger reports practice going well with some work taking place in the new indoor football practice field building. "Gordie Hershiser could be a great success story," said Shollenberger. "Everytime he throws you hold your breath, but he's working out with the other pitchers and seems to be on schedule. If we were playing tomorrow he would be one of our conference pitchers." Hershiser has been plagued with elbow problems the past two years.

### Tallies Record

Alabama senior Keith Talley set a school record in the 60-yard high hurdles with a clocking of 7.09 in the semifinals of the LSU Invitational.

Talley was to lead a contingent of Bama track and field performers to the prestigious Wanamaker Millrose Games in New York's Madison Square Garden the final weekend in January and perform in that meet's premier event. Talley was expected to compete in the 60-meter high hurdles against Greg Foster, who ran a world best 7.36 earlier this year, and/or Renaldo Nehemiah, who is making a comeback after four years in professional football. Nehemiah won the 55-meter event in Portland, Oregon, in 6.9. (In that same meet former Tide Calvin Smith, the world record holder at 100 meters, defeated former Auburn star Harvey Glance in the 55-meter dash.)

Also going to New York were to be quarter-miler Lillie Leatherwood-King (who is competing unattached in indoor competition this year), former Tide sprinter Emmit King, and Thomas McCants, a former Bama high jumper who is now a Tide student assistant coach.

### New Trackmen

Alabama has added two new performers to its men's track and field team this semester. Head Coach Doug Williamson announced the signings of sprinter Vincent Taylor, a junior college transfer from Long Beach (California) Community College, and sophomore javelin thrower Sigurdur Matthiasson of Iceland. Taylor has best marks of 6.23 at 55 meters and 10.38 at 100 meters, while Matthiasson has a best of 235 in his only year of competition.

### Lost Year

Alabama swimmer Franck Iacono elected to be redshirted this year in order to remain in France and train with his national team for the European Championships, which France will host in August. However, Iacono suffered a knee injury while hiking and had to undergo surgery. His recuperation is expected to take nearly eight months, putting his chance to participate in the European Championships in doubt.

Iacono, who will be a junior for the Tide next year, is a three-time All-America and last year won the Southeastern Conference championship at 500 yards. He is currently ranked in the top 20 in the world in three events—400 meters, 1500 meters and 800 meters freestyle relay.

### Gambril On ESPN

Alabama Head Swimming and Diving Coach Don Gambril will be a guest on *Sportslook*, the popular ESPN-TV show hosted by Roy Firestone either February 5 or 6. (*Sportslook* is the show which predicted in mid-November that Tide Head Football Coach Ray Perkins would be the new head coach of the Tampa Bay Bucs.)

Gambril will tape the show in Los Angeles while he is there to be inducted into the Cal State-Los Angeles Athletics Hall of Fame. Gambril earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees at Cal State. (Also being inducted is Terry McElligott, who was a high school All-America under Gambril and then went to Cal State.)

### Elitists

Two current Bama swimmers and one former Tide were among those selected to participate in the Elite Training Camp in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, over the Christmas holidays. The camp is primarily for potential United States Team members.

Junior Peter Berndt and freshman Chris McDaniels and former Tide All-America Bryan Jennings trained under former Bama assistant coach Jay Fitzgerald, now head coach of the Santa Clara (California) Swim Club. Berndt's participation on the United States team will depend in part on him gaining American citizenship, an ongoing battle that was begun anew when Congressman Ben Erdreich reintroduced a bill on his behalf in the early hours following convention of the 100th Congress on January 6.

### Ryles Award

Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Mitchell of Mobile have established an award in honor of Willie Ryles, the Alabama football player who died last August.

The \$500 annual award will be made to an outstanding student from Central High School in Phenix City who plans to attend The University.

# ALABAMA'S WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

## Men's Basketball

106	Athletes In Action 93
82	@ Northeast Louisiana 56
96	Furman 69
71	@ Florida State 72
87	Arkansas (Birmingham) 76
67	Duke (East Rutherford, N.J.) 76
95	Appalachian State 62
71	@ Georgia 70
110	BMA CLASSIC (Kansas City)
91	Penn 68
64	Missouri 82
69	Mississippi State 49
75	@ Kentucky (TV) 55
73	Vanderbilt 71
69	South Carolina 63
71	LSU (TV) 65
88	@ Mississippi (TV) 62
82	Auburn (TV) 82
Jan. 28	@ Tennessee 71
Jan. 31	@ Florida
Feb. 4	Georgia
Feb. 7	@ Mississippi State
Feb. 11	Kentucky (TV)
Feb. 14	@ Vanderbilt (TV)
Feb. 18	@ LSU (TV)
Feb. 21	Mississippi
Feb. 25	@ Auburn (TV)
Feb. 28	Tennessee
March 5-8	Florida (TV)
	SEC Tournament (Atlanta)

## Women's Basketball

81	SOUTHERN INVITATIONAL (Atlanta)
76	Florida A&M 60
59	Alabama-Birmingham 49
81	Georgia 78
77	Livingston 70
75	LADYJACK CLASSIC (Nacogdoches, Texas)
89	Texas-San Antonio 72
85	Stephen F. Austin 68
102	Texas Tech 94 (4 OT)
85	@ Troy State 64
81	Illinois-Chicago 58
	@ Clemson 79
	@ U-T Chattanooga 69

## WOLFPACK CLASSIC (Reno, Nev.)

94	Northwestern St. 92
67	Nevada-Reno
84	Tennessee State 28
84	Vanderbilt 90
70	Mississippi 74
99	Mississippi College 62
Jan. 29	Alabama-Birmingham
Feb. 1	@ Georgia
Feb. 4	Mississippi State
Feb. 7	@ Kentucky
Feb. 11	@ Alcorn State
Feb. 15	@ LSU
Feb. 21	@ Auburn
Feb. 25	Tennessee
Feb. 28	Florida
March 2	@ Mississippi College
March 4-7	SEC Tournament (Albany, Ga.)

## Gymnastics

180.15	LSU 179.35
180.15	Auburn 174.65
183.1	@ Missouri 176.85
183.1	Iowa St. (@ Missouri) 169.3
Jan. 30	(@ Georgia
Feb. 14	RED & WHITE CLASSIC
	(Oklahoma, Georgia)
Feb. 21	Utah
Feb. 27	@ LSU
March 3	Penn State
March 9	Utah/Oklahoma @ Utah
March 15	Georgia
March 20	Arizona State
March 28	SEC Championships (Athens)
April 2	@ Auburn
April 11	NCAA Regionals
April 24-25	NCAA Tournament (Utah)

## Women's Swimming

69	Vanderbilt 44
63	@ Virginia 50
79	Kentucky 61
92	New Orleans 44
Dec. 5-7	US Open (Orlando)
60	LaSalle @ Miami 45
75	Florida State @ Pensacola 38
71	Northeast Louisiana @ Pensacola 31
61	@ Southern Miss 31
59	@ Tulane 53
Jan. 31	Auburn
Feb. 7	Tennessee
Feb. 15	Miami
Feb. 25-28	SEC Championships
March 7	Florida
March 12-14	Diving Regionals (LSU)
March 19-21	NCAA (Indianapolis)

## Men's Swimming

180.15	Vanderbilt 41
180.15	@ Virginia 43
183.1	Kentucky 37
183.1	US Open (Orlando)
Jan. 30	LaSalle @ Miami 45
67	Florida State @ Pensacola 46
62	Northeast Louisiana @ Pensacola 31
68	@ Southern Miss 45
59	@ Tulane 54
Jan. 31	Auburn
Feb. 15	Miami
Feb. 25-28	SEC Championships
March 7	Florida
March 12-14	Diving Regionals (LSU)
April 2-4	NCAA (Austin)

## Men's Track

Jan. 16-17	Kodak Inv. (Johnson City, Tenn.)
Jan. 23	@ Arkansas Invitational
Jan. 24	@ Illinois Invitational
Jan. 30	Millrose Games (New York)
Feb. 1	Bud Light Inv. (Fairfax, Va.)
Feb. 7	@ LSU Quintangular
Feb. 13-14	@ Nebraska Invitational
Feb. 28-March 1	SEC (Gainesville)
March 7	Fast Times Inv. (Gainesville)
March 13-14	NCAA (Oklahoma City)

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# ALABAMA'S SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

## Baseball

Feb. 20 Western Kentucky (2 p.m.)  
 Feb. 21 Western Kentucky (2 p.m.)  
 Feb. 22 Western Kentucky (2 p.m.)  
 Feb. 25 Samford (2 p.m.)  
 Feb. 26 Samford (2 p.m.)  
 Feb. 28 @ South Alabama (2 p.m.)  
 March 1 @ South Alabama (2 p.m.)  
 March 3 Alabama-Birmingham (2 p.m.)  
 March 4 Alabama State (2 p.m.)  
 March 7 Tennessee (2, 1 p.m.)  
 March 8 Tennessee (2 p.m.)  
 March 10 @ New Orleans (7 p.m.)  
 March 11 @ New Orleans (7 p.m.)  
 March 14 @ Florida (2, 6 p.m.)  
 March 15 @ Florida (1:30 p.m.)  
 March 17 Jackson State (7 p.m.)  
 March 18 Jackson State (2 p.m.)  
 March 19 Middle Tennessee (2 p.m.)  
 March 21 Kentucky (2, 6 p.m.)  
 March 22 Kentucky (2 p.m.)  
 March 26 Southern Miss (7 p.m.)  
 March 28 @ LSU (2, 6 p.m.)  
 March 29 @ LSU (2 p.m.)  
 March 31 @ Alabama-Birmingham (7 p.m.)  
 April 1 North Alabama (7 p.m.)  
 April 4 Central Florida (7 p.m.)  
 April 5 Central Florida (7 p.m.)  
 April 7 @ Jackson State (2 p.m.)  
 April 11 @ Georgia (2, 6 p.m.)  
 April 12 @ Georgia (1:30 p.m.)  
 April 14 Alcorn State (7 p.m.)  
 April 15 Alcorn State (2 p.m.)  
 April 18 Vanderbilt (2, 6 p.m.)  
 April 19 Vanderbilt (2 p.m.)  
 April 21 South Alabama (7 p.m.)  
 April 22 South Alabama (7 p.m.)  
 April 25 @ Auburn (2, 6 p.m.)  
 April 26 @ Auburn (2 p.m.)  
 April 30 Faulkner State (7 p.m.)  
 May 2 Ole Miss (2, 6 p.m.)  
 May 3 Ole Miss (2 p.m.)  
 May 5 @ Southern Miss (6:30 p.m.)  
 May 7 Auburn @ Dothan (7 p.m.)  
 May 9 @ Mississippi State (2, 6 p.m.)  
 May 10 @ Mississippi State (2 p.m.)  
 May 12 Auburn @ Huntsville (7 p.m.)  
 May 14-18 SEC Tournament

## Women's Track

March 20-21 Paper Tiger Invitational, Baton Rouge  
 March 27-28 Florida Relays, Gainesville  
 April 3-4 Texas Relays, Austin  
 April 11 Cajun Classic, Lafayette, La.  
 April 18 Mississippi State Invitational  
 April 24-25 Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa  
 May 2 Alabama Invitational  
 May 13-16 SEC Championships  
 May 22-23 Gatorade Classic, Knoxville  
 May 30 Last Chance Invitational, Tallahassee  
 June 3-6 NCAA Championships, Baton Rouge

## Women's Tennis

Jan. 31 Georgia  
 Feb. 6-7 Southern Miss  
 Feb. 6-7 Georgia Tech  
 Feb. 6-7 Memphis State  
 Feb. 13 Mississippi State  
 Feb. 14 Birmingham-Southern  
 Feb. 20-21 Vanderbilt  
 Feb. 20-21 Alabama-Birmingham  
 Feb. 20-21 North Florida  
 Feb. 27-28 @ Kentucky  
 Feb. 27-28 Illinois @ Lexington  
 Feb. 27-28 William & Mary @ Lexington  
 March 4-8 Brigham Young Invitational  
 (Brigham Young, Utah, Santa Barbara, Wisconsin)  
 March 21-22 Austin Peay  
 March 21-22 Tulane  
 March 21-22 Arkansas State  
 March 28 Florida  
 April 10-12 @ Lamar Quad  
 (Lamar, LSU, Southwest Louisiana)  
 April 15 Tennessee  
 April 18 @ Auburn  
 April 24-26 SEC Tournament, Lexington

## Men's Tennis

Feb. 14 @ Wake Forest  
 Feb. 15 @ North Carolina State  
 Feb. 22 Mississippi State  
 Feb. 27 Southeast Louisiana  
 Feb. 28 South Alabama  
 March 1 Georgia Southern  
 March 5 Alabama-Birmingham  
 March 11 @ Florida State  
 March 12 @ Florida  
 March 14 Murray State  
 March 17 Tennessee Tech  
 March 20 Southern Illinois  
 March 21 Louisville  
 March 26-29 Blue-Gray, Montgomery  
 April 4 Northeast Louisiana  
 April 5 Indiana  
 April 7 Tennessee  
 April 9 Ole Miss  
 April 14 LSU  
 April 18 @ Kentucky  
 April 19 @ Vanderbilt  
 April 25 Auburn  
 April 28 @ Mississippi State  
 May 2 @ Georgia  
 May 8-10 SEC Tournament, Gainesville

## Men's Golf

Feb. 6-8 National Collegiate, Miami  
 Feb. 13-15 Gator Invitational, Gainesville  
 Feb. 20-22 Seminole Invitational, Tallahassee  
 March 16-17 Cajun Classic, Lafayette, La.  
 March 27-29 Southeastern Invitational, Montgomery  
 April 10-12 Jerry Pate Invitational, Pensacola  
 April 17-19 Jackson (Miss.) Classic  
 April 24-26 Chris Schenkel, Statesboro, Ga.  
 May 8-10 SEC Tournament, Florence

## Men's Track

March 20-21 Paper Tiger Invitational, Baton Rouge  
 March 27-28 Florida Relays, Gainesville  
 April 3-4 Texas Relays, Austin  
 April 11 Cajun Classic, Lafayette, La.  
 April 18 Mississippi State Invitational  
 April 24-25 Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa  
 May 2 Alabama Invitational  
 May 13-16 SEC Championships  
 May 22-23 Gatorade Classic, Knoxville  
 May 30 Last Chance Invitational, Tallahassee  
 June 3-6 NCAA Championships, Baton Rouge

## Women's Golf

Feb. 20-22 Lady Gator, Gainesville  
 Feb. 27-March 1 LSU Invitational  
 March 6-8 Troy Invitational, Eufaula  
 April 3-5 Duke Invitational  
 April 24-26 Women's Southern, Athens, Ga.  
 May 8-10 SEC Tournament, Pine Mountain, Ga.



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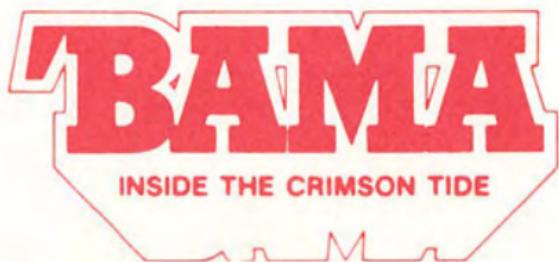
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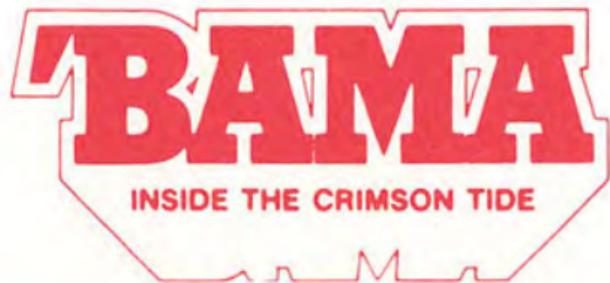
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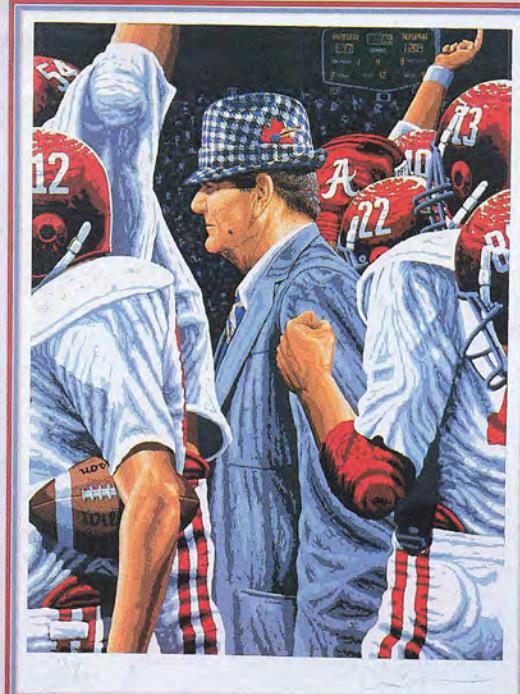
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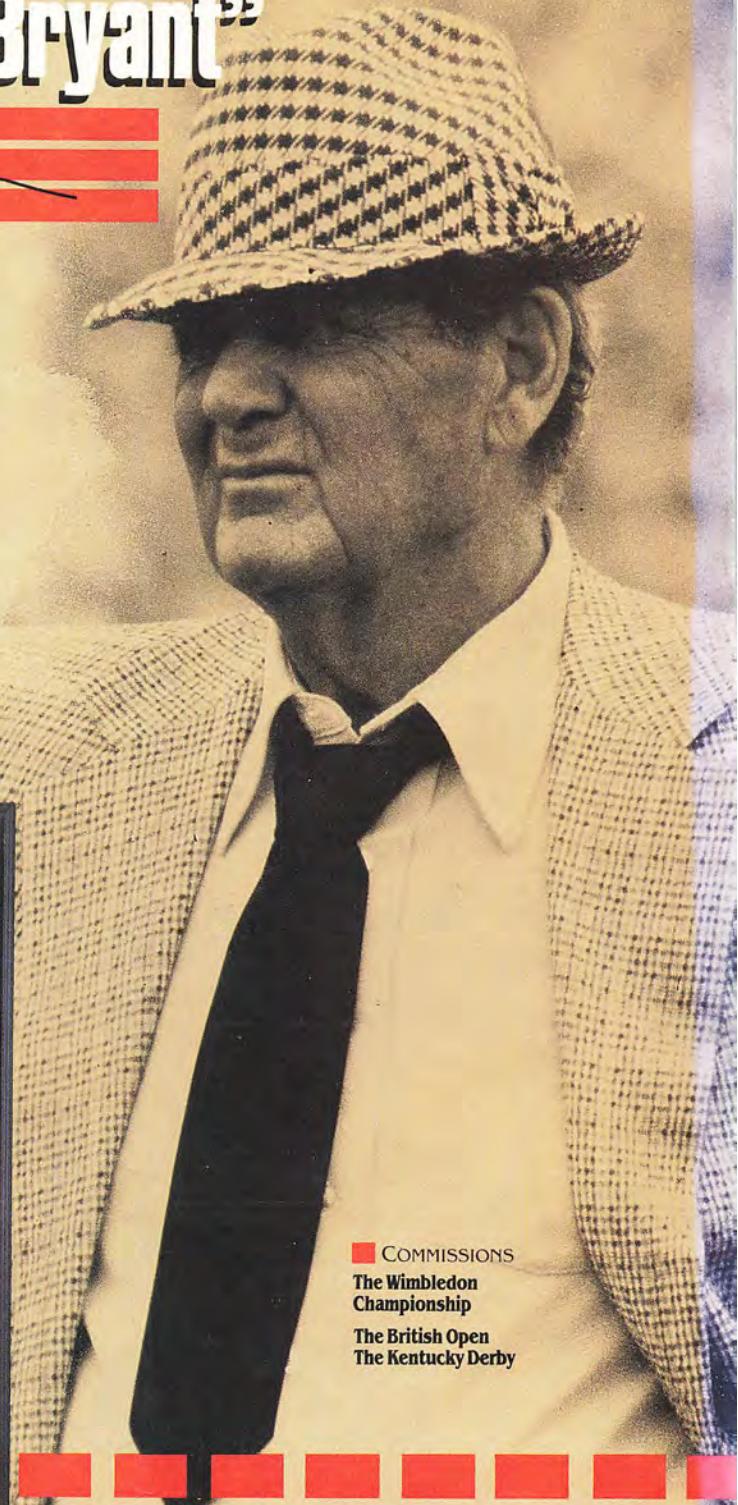
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